

Extra practice

READING

- Read the text about Black Friday

Black Friday

The day after Thanksgiving became America's biggest shopping day. Closed all day on Thursday, shopping centres all over the nation open early on Friday. Some of them open at 12:01 Friday morning, while others open at 4 a.m. Some "**sleepyhead**" shopping centres, like "Target" this year, don't open their doors on Friday until 6 a.m. From Friday to the day before Christmas, this is the season when businesses make nearly 25 per cent of what they earn in a year. This season puts many businesses "in the black", that is, they make the money they need for the year.

Reporters from local TV stations interviewed people who were sleeping in tents in front of the shops a day or two before the doors opened on Friday. These people were patiently waiting in queue to get products that are 50 per cent cheaper or more.

"Oh, we have fun," said one of the persons queuing. "We sometimes bring games to play, we watch TV and order lots of pizza, and we often meet interesting people. And, most important of all, we save a lot of money!" The problem, of course, is that only a very small number of products have big reductions in their prices. Apart from a few big discounts, each shop has other things that are reduced from 10 to 50 per cent, saving shoppers from \$10 to \$400 per item, and so Americans want to go shopping.

Not all Americans enjoy shopping. Reverend William Graham wants to change Black Friday's name. "We want to call it *Remember Jesus Friday*. People should start the season with the right attitude. Christmas has become a Season of Shopping. We want to make it a Season of Giving. And we don't mean giving material things. We mean giving your back, your mind, and your hands. Help an old lady clean up her house. Teach a kid how to read. Visit sick people in the hospital or in nursing homes. Give food to the Red Cross. Celebrate Christmas by remembering Jesus and forgetting Santa Claus."

Choose TRUE, FALSE or NOT MENTIONED

1. Black Friday is a week after Thanksgiving Day.

true

false

not mentioned

2. All shops open at the usual time.

true

false

not mentioned

3. Shops sell more on this day than during all the year.
true **false** **not mentioned**
4. Some people even camp outside the shops to get the best discounts.
true **false** **not mentioned**
5. You can only get discounts if you pay with credit cards.
true **false** **not mentioned**
6. Religious people don't like Black Friday.
true **false** **not mentioned**

USE OF ENGLISH

- Choose the correct option.

My name's Hannah and I'm twenty years old. I've got a daughter ¹ Nicole.
 She's ² three now. I live in a small flat ³ the city centre. It isn't a
 nice place to live. It's very noisy and dirty and there aren't ⁴ places for Nicole
 to play.

I want to move out of the city and live in the countryside. But it's very expensive to live there. I
 will need to earn ⁵ money to buy a house. There aren't ⁶ flats
 for sale in the small villages near here. I will need to buy a car ⁷ .

That's why I study at college. I'm studying Business now. While I am at college, my mum
 looks ⁸ Nicole. My mum really likes spending time with her. In the evening, I
 work as a cleaner. I clean people's houses. Nicole comes with me. She plays ⁸
 with her toys while I work.

	A	B	C
1	calls	called	names
2	about	nearly	yet
3	in	on	at
4	some	any	not
5	some	much	few
6	much	lot	many
7	too	also	then
8	for	after	that
9	quiet	quieter	quietly

