

READING

Online shopping—a dream or a nightmare?

1 I wanted to buy a new pair of sunglasses, but I was too busy to go to the stores downtown. So I decided to order them online. They arrived quickly, but they were broken and the case looked **used**! So I had to go to the store to change them! What a waste of time.

Troy, Jersey City, USA

2 I like going to stores, but how do you know if a store has what you want? The great thing about shopping online is saving time! There are so many choices, and it doesn't take much time to find what you want!

Jake, Sydney, Australia

3 I do all of my shopping online—it's so cool! I never have to go to the mall or wait in line to pay. And I don't have to go around to different stores to **compare prices**. The only problem is that I usually spend too much money! I'm **broke**!

Nancy, Seattle, USA

4 I bought a lot of electronics online last year, and everything was a **good deal**. The problem is that someone stole my credit card information and went shopping. My advice is: Be very careful when you shop online!

Eric, Ottawa, Canada

5 I saw the perfect bracelet for my girlfriend in a magazine. I spent weeks looking for it in jewelry stores. I was so happy when I finally found it. Then when I got home, I found the same bracelet online. And it was cheaper! I spent too much time looking for it, and I paid too much, too.

Min-ho, Incheon, South Korea

6 The first time I **purchased** something online, I was a little nervous. I didn't know how they were going to **ship** it. But it arrived OK. Now the only problem is that I do too much shopping online. And because I don't have to go out much anymore, I'm not very fit!

Mari, Lima, Peru

Read the article again. Choose (✓) the true statements.

1. Troy had to go to the store because they sent the wrong sunglasses.
2. Jake thinks he spends too much time shopping online.
3. Nancy doesn't like to stand in line to pay for things.
4. Min-ho was angry because he spent a lot of time and money.
5. Mari is worried about shopping online because she doesn't get enough exercise.