

2 Choose the correct options (a–c) to complete the text.

The most popular time for people to go shopping used to be during the January sales. Now, in some parts of the world there is one particular day that sees shoppers go wild! <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ 'Black Friday', it takes place in November. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_ Thanksgiving, one of the USA's biggest holidays, on the following Friday millions of Americans rush to the shops, <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_ to save money on their Christmas shopping. Although still <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_ mainly in the USA, Black Friday has also spread to shops in Canada, Mexico and the UK. And <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_ to miss out on making money, online stores are also joining in, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_ huge bargains to their customers. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_ sensibly, it's a great opportunity for shoppers, but it has also been criticised by many for encouraging consumerism.

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| 1 a Calling     | b Called            | c Having called      |
| 2 a Celebrating | b Celebrated        | c Having celebrated  |
| 3 a hoping      | b having hoped      | c hoped              |
| 4 a taken place | b taking place      | c having taken place |
| 5 a not wanting | b not having wanted | c not wanted         |
| 6 a offered     | b having offered    | c offering           |
| 7 a Approached  | b Approaching       | c Having approached  |

Listen again and complete the statements in any way you see fit.

After \_\_\_\_\_ consumption of goods.

Forced \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy life.

Complete the sentences with the words below.

After finishing    Before leaving    On checking  
Since starting    When thinking    While playing

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ the house, could you do the washing up?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ at her new school, my sister's made lots of new friends.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast, they went out for a walk.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ tennis, Petra fell and hurt her ankle.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ his change, he realised the shop assistant had made a mistake.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ about where to go on holiday, you should consider the price as well as the location.

**BLACK  
FRIDAY  
SALE**