

A QUICK GUIDE TO SECOND-HAND SHOPPING

Even if you haven't got lots of money to spend, you can still go shopping!
Read on to find out where to find the best bargains.

CHARITY SHOPS

Why do people in Britain like shopping in charity shops? First, because of the low prices, and second, because when you buy something, the money is used to help people in need. For example, Oxfam, which has shops all over the UK, works to stop poverty in countries around the world. What can you find in a charity shop? Used clothes, shoes, books, toys, DVDs and kitchen equipment. It might take a while to find what you want, but it's fun looking!

CAR BOOT SALES

What do British people do with their old or unwanted possessions? Take them to a car boot sale! Every Saturday and Sunday, people all over Britain fill the boot of their car with things they don't want and take them to one of these sales. Car boot sales attract hundreds of people, so get there early for the best bargains. You never know what you might find. Recently, someone bought an old picture frame at a car boot sale for one pound and later found it was worth £500,000!

SWAP SHOPS

Do you want to get some new clothes without spending any money? The answer is a swap shop! Swap shops are events where you and other people can exchange clothes that you don't want. The clothes have to be good quality and look new. You can then choose clothes of the same value that other people have brought to the swap shop. Swap shops are popular with fashionable people who have lots of nice clothes that they never wear. Swapping clothes is also better for the environment than buying new ones!



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Word check: charity, poverty, frame, exchange, good quality, value, giving, poor, (money)

- 1 Do you like shopping? Why (not)?
- 2 **2.32** Read and listen. Where can you shop for free? In swap shops
- 3 Read the guide again and answer the questions.
 - 1 How do charity shops use the money they make? They use it to help people in need.
 - 2 Which charity has a lot of shops? Oxfam
 - 3 What do people sell at car boot sales? Things they don't want
 - 4 How much did a valuable picture frame cost at a car boot sale? One pound
 - 5 What kind of clothes can you find at swap shops? Good quality clothes that look new.
 - 6 What are two advantages of swapping? You don't spend any money and swapping clothes is better for the environment than buying new ones.

CULTURAL COMPARISON

- 4 Answer the questions about your country.
 - 1 Do people like buying second-hand things? Why (not)?
 - 2 Are there any charity shops in your town or city?
 - 3 What do people do with things that they don't want any more?
 - 4 Can you go shopping on a Sunday? If so, where?
 - 5 Do young people ever swap clothes with each other?



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