

Grammar

1 Complete the dialogue with *so*, *such* or *such a*.

Lily: Hi, Jade, how are you?
 Jade: Great! I've had (1) nice day today.
 Lily: Have you? That's (2) good to hear.
 Jade: Yes. It's my birthday and so I've been out for a special lunch with friends. We went to that Thai restaurant and the food was (3) delicious.
 Lily: Ah, I know where you mean. It's (4) lovely place.
 Jade: It is. Then we went bowling afterwards. It's been (5) fun!

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- I played football yesterday. Today my legs really ache.
I wish I yesterday. Today my legs really ache.
- I don't have a TV in my bedroom.
If only I in my bedroom.
- My younger sister eats her food so quickly. It's not good for her.
If only my younger sister so quickly. It's not good for her.
- My English friend doesn't understand my language.
If only my English friend
- I am short.
If only I

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3 Complete the sentences with these words.

anything • everywhere • nothing • someone
 somewhere

- I think there's outside. Can you look?
- There are posters for the gig around the school. You can't miss them!
- Let's go hot for our holidays this year.
- Can you think of I've forgotten to pack?
- I've got absolutely planned for this weekend. It will be so boring.

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Vocabulary

4 Name the type of shop to match each description.

- 1 It's a place where you can buy cakes, bread and pies.
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- 2 It's where you buy newspapers and magazines. It sometimes sells sweets and snacks too.
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- 3 Pens, paper, notebooks and envelopes are all sold in this type of shop.
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- 4 It's where you go to send letters and pay bills.
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- 5 It's a shop that sells only vegetables and fruit.
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5 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 I lent/borrowed some money from Julie to buy a sandwich.
- 2 I'm saving/making money to buy a new bike.
- 3 My brother earns/spends £10 per hour when he works at the pet shop on Saturdays.
- 4 Don't lose/waste money on clothes you'll never wear!
- 5 Our school donated/made £5,000 to a charity for homeless people.

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6 Complete the dialogue with these words.

afford • bargain • receipt • refund • trolley

- Joe: Look at that laptop. Aren't you looking for one, Jack? It's been reduced by 50%. It's a(n) (1)!
- Jack: Yeah Joe, you're right, it is! I couldn't (2) to pay the full price, but I think I could pay that.
- Joe: So, are you going to buy one?
- Jack: I don't know. It feels quite heavy. I want one I can carry around with me all the time. I can't decide.
- Joe: Well, I'm sure if you bought it then changed your mind because it wasn't light enough, and wanted to bring it back, they would give you a (3) – if you remembered to keep the (4) that is.
- Jack: Yeah, I think you're right. It's a good price and I do really need a new laptop. I'll go and get a (5) I might buy some other things too now that I'm here!

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Reading

- 7 Read the article about shopping. The headings have been removed from the article. Choose the most appropriate headings (A–F) to complete the article. There are two extra headings.

The future of shopping

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According to statistics, shopping is now considered one of the most popular pastimes in the developed world. We spend an average of 15 hours a week on shopping related activities. So what is it about shopping that we enjoy so much? The answer is that different aspects of the all-round shopping experience appeal to different people. For some it's the browsing and comparing goods to get a bargain which they enjoy. For others it's the social experience of actually going into shops with friends or relatives and looking at and trying things together. But whether you like to shop online or in-store, in your local high street or at big shopping malls, be prepared for big changes in the way we buy and sell goods over the next few years. The whole shopping experience has evolved enormously in the last few years, and it's about to change even more.

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Undoubtedly, the way we shop has changed considerably over the last two decades. One significant change, which has already had far-reaching consequences has, been the move away from individual specialist shops on the high street to shopping malls and large supermarkets in the suburbs. These enormous retail centres are designed to help us save time in our busy lives by presenting a whole range of different items for sale in one place. This is convenient as it means shoppers don't have to make time-consuming trips to different parts of town to find all the things they need. Planners also encourage shoppers to spend as much time in shopping centres as possible by including cafes and restaurants where they can eat and relax, and sometimes even leisure facilities like cinemas. The idea is to transform shopping there into a complete day out, an experience, rather than a simple necessity. And it seems that many people love this new way of shopping. The success of malls has, however, changed the centres of our towns forever. Small businesses that can't afford to compete with the chain stores in shopping malls, have had to close and there are now fewer and fewer shops in town centres.

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Another important change in the way we shop is seen in the massive increase in the number of people who now shop online. Retailers must have a website and offer their customers the possibility to order their goods via the Internet, as well as in their stores, if they want to be successful today. The development of shopping websites has meant that people can easily browse, order and pay for goods with their tablet or smartphone while sitting at home in their living rooms. The online phenomenon has also resulted in a massive change in the way we pay for goods – cash is already almost a thing of the past – and a huge increase in the growth of delivery companies bringing the goods we order direct to our homes. Now it's no longer a case of the shopper going to the shop, but of the shop coming to the shopper!

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So, what will the next big change in shopping habits be? Smart technology is already able to build a profile of our preferences and tastes from our search history online and retailers use this information to send us advertisements for similar goods which it thinks we might like to buy. Other types of technology are also being tested which can send advertising messages to our phones as we pass by different stores to encourage us to go in and buy their goods, information about special offers, discounts and new products. However, retail technology is about to go one step further. Imagine that you are out window shopping one evening and see something that you would like to buy but the shop is closed. Soon, smartphone technology will be so advanced that you'll be able to simply point your phone at the item in the window and ... buy it! If you'd like to check the cost before you decide to pay, you'll be able to check prices for the item in other stores via a link to a price comparison website. If you find the goods cheaper in another store you can send that information back to the store and you'll receive an automatic discount. All that's left for you to do is to pay remotely using your credit card details, then wait for your goods to arrive at you home. What could be easier?

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| A Will smartphone technology lead the next big change? | E The credit card revolution |
| B The new home delivery apps | F The rise of the mall |
| C Sofa surfers | |
| D Our favourite pastime | |

8 Read the article again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

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| 1 Many people's favourite leisure activity today is shopping. | T/F | 6 Cash is already a thing of the past. | T/F |
| 2 There are now fewer small shops in town centres than there were 20 years ago. | T/F | 7 There has been a big increase in the number of delivery companies as a result of online shopping. | T/F |
| 3 Planners try to get shoppers in and out of shopping malls as quickly as possible. | T/F | 9 Smart phone technology can't predict our preferences or tastes yet. | T/F |
| 4 Shops need to have a website if they want to be successful. | T/F | | / 8 |
| 5 Online shopping has changed the way people pay for goods. | T/F | | Total / 12 |

Use of English

9 Choose one word to complete the sentences in the email.

Hi Benny,

I've had (1) a good day today! You know my mum and dad gave me some money for my birthday? Well, I couldn't decide what to (2) it on, but finally I decided to get tickets for me and Simon to go to the Westwood Music Festival last Sunday. Oh, I wish you had (3) there. You'd have loved it! There were (4) many bands playing that we couldn't hear all of them. There were four different stages as well as several big tents, and we just went from one to another. We knew all the words to the songs so (5) was smiling and joining in. I haven't seen Simon in (6) a good mood for a long time! I'm glad we decided to go on the Sunday because if we'd chosen the Saturday, we would (7) got very wet! It poured all day, and there wasn't really anywhere to shelter properly. But on Sunday we had one of the sunniest days of the year so far. There's (8) better than listening to good music in the sunshine.

Anyway, I hope you've had a good weekend, too.

Love,

Lucy

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Listening

10 Listen to four people talking about shopping. Write A, B, C or D. You can use the speakers more than once.

- Which speaker is an athlete?
Speaker(s)
- Which speaker doesn't usually plan what he/she is going to buy?
Speaker(s)
- Which speaker is a teacher?
Speaker(s)
- Which speaker sometimes finds shopping unpleasant?
Speaker(s)
- Which speaker is economical?
Speaker(s)

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11 Listen again and complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- Speaker A never takes her shopping with her.
- If something catches her, she buys it.
- Speaker B doesn't have time to go shopping because he does a lot of sports
- Speaker C needs to look for work.
- Speaker D doesn't like large of people.

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Writing

12 You recently ordered a laptop online, but it hasn't arrived. Write an email to the company explaining the problem and asking for information about what has happened.

In your email, you should include:

- the name, model and price of the laptop.
- the date you bought it.
- the website you bought it from.
- when you expected it to arrive.
- a request for a solution to your problem.
- an explanation of what you will do if there is no solution.

Write 150–180 words.

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Speaking

13 Discuss this question with your partner. Use the ideas in the box to help you make brief notes before you begin.

What type of shopper are you? Describe your shopping habits.

- Where do you usually go shopping?
- How often do you go shopping?
- What kind of products do you usually buy?
- Does technology influence the way you shop?

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Total

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