Popular Local Shops: Reading & Tasks

Local Shop Directory

Read the eight shop advertisements below (A–H). You will need this information to complete the activities that follow.



A. Wedges



Take a break while you are shopping and try our delicious home-cooked hot meals. Popular with students, everything is reasonably priced. While you are here, have a look at some of the second-hand clothes we have available.

B. New Street Corner Shop



Get something to remind you of your visit here and look around at our wide range of souvenirs. We have lots of toys, sweets, locally made chocolates, and attractive postcards and posters. Looking for something to read? Pick up a newspaper, a magazine, or the latest novel for the journey home.

C. Stella's Boutique



Late-night shopping in Stella's Boutique. Many of our clothes are on special offer, with some items two for the price of one. Visitors can also enjoy locally made cakes and snacks in our café. Just a short two-minute walk from the train station.

D. Masons



We are closing down next week and have a fantastic sale. Everything must go! We have the cheapest range of clothes in town and a great selection of menswear, including suits, shirts, and shoes. Open late this Saturday.

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E. Henry's

Henry's is known for its high-quality clothing, as our users' comments prove, whether that is dresses, skirts, or stylish suits. Our highly experienced staff will measure you and make sure you get the perfect fit. A little more expensive than the high street shops, but worth every penny.



F. Design Corner

We are a new shop in the old part of town and away from the crowds. But there is nothing old about our goods. We sell dresses, skirts, and blouses made by local designers, as well as beautiful posters, pens, and pencils that will look great in the office or on a student's desk.



G. Walkers Department Store

Visit one of the city's most popular shopping destinations. We sell the latest luxury designer clothes and everything for the home, and we have a restaurant with an international menu. You should reserve a table if you wish to eat as we can get quite busy!



H. Bartons

If you are in town looking for a bargain, do not forget to pay us a visit. Situated in the heart of the shopping mall, our popular sale has everything for the professional man, including suits, shirts, and shoes. Do not forget our roof-top café! Late-night shopping Monday to Friday.

Activity 1

Match each statement to the correct shop (A–H). Write the letter in the second column. Each letter may be used only once.

Statement	Shop (A–H)
1. This shop is situated just two minutes away on foot from the railway station.	
2. This shop sells second-hand garments and serves hot meals favoured by students.	
3. This business is closing down permanently and is holding a clearance sale.	
4. Customers are advised to book a table in advance to eat at its international restaurant.	
5. This quiet shop sells stationery and clothing crafted by local designers.	

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Activity 2

Read the profiles of the five people below. Decide which shop (A–H) would be the most suitable for each person. Write the correct letter in the box provided.



1. Jim wants to buy some new shoes for work. He needs something reasonably cheap and, as he is working long hours, he needs a shop that is open late during the week. ☐

2. Hamid wants a shop where he can get measured for a new suit. He is happy to spend quite a lot of money, but he wants a place that has been recommended by other customers. ☐

3. Sheila wants to go shopping after she finishes work. She wants to buy an inexpensive dress or a skirt, and she would like to eat something made locally before her train leaves. ☐

4. Natalie is looking for a gift for her daughter who has passed her exams. She would like to buy her something useful for university, and she prefers to avoid the busy shopping centre. ☐

5. Manuela is on holiday in the UK and is looking for some chocolate for her friend. She would also like to buy something to read when she gets back to her hotel room. ☐

Activity 3

Choose one shop from the guide that you would personally like to visit. Write 2 to 3 sentences recommending this shop to a classmate. State what you would buy there and explain why it is a worthwhile choice.

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