

**Tips for Smart Shopping**

**Bring Your Shopping List.**

Having a list will ensure you buy the items you need for your home. It will also curb you from buying unnecessary items, thus keeping to your budget. It saves time, too.



**Compare prices.**

Do not buy things right away. Call around or check online at trusted websites to find the best bargain for the item you want. Get the one with the cheapest price.

**Leave Your Credit Card at Home.**



Bring enough money to pay for the things that you want to buy. Paying cash means you will not have to pay for extra interest which may be charged by the bank. It helps to control your spending, too.

**Shop Online.**

Consider the time, parking fee and fuel cost as compared to postal service. How much do you really save if you go shopping at a store which is probably not somewhere in your neighbourhood area? Shopping online can be a better choice when you only want to buy a few items only.

**Fill up Your Stomach.**



Someone said that you tend to grab more food items from the shelves when you are hungry. It is advisable to eat first before going out shopping. Children, especially will not be as moody as when they are hungry. Some supermarkets have eateries and bakeries that can entice you with their aromatic smell. You can end up spending more by having your lunch or dinner there.



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Circle the correct answer.

One of the tips when you go shopping is to prepare a list of the things you want to buy. You can save time. You don't have to wander from one aisle to another looking for things you need. It is also important that you stick to buy things on the list so you do not spend more than what you have allocated.

1. Why is a list important for shopping?
  - A. You need not think much about what to buy.
  - B. You can avoid spending extra money unnecessarily.
  - C. You will get someone to look for things you want.

When shopping online, one needs to take extra precaution to avoid being cheated. It may not worth the energy and time if you become one of the victims of scammers. Reading the reviews made by others can be a way of ensuring good online traders.

2. Which of the following statements is true?
  - A. It is unsafe to shop online.
  - B. Scammers cannot be avoided.
  - C. Be cautious when shopping online.

Comparing prices is good especially if you have limited budget. You can visit online stores or go to supermarket to check on the prices of the item offered at different outlets. Although it can be time consuming, you get the best bargain.

3. Which of the following statements is true?
  - A. People should not compare prices of things.
  - B. A limited budget can allow you to buy anything.
  - C. Comparing prices may take some time.