

Unit Test - Unit 5

Reading Test A

Internet shopping – how to get the best deal

Internet shopping is becoming more and more popular with both men and women. Most men like it because they hate going to shops. And although many women love walking around shops and trying on clothes, they are also changing their shopping habits and buying online – they realize that the best prices are found on the Internet. And shopping online means you don't have to park the car, which is great because car parks are expensive!

There are other advantages too. Nobody tries to sell you something that you don't want to buy, and you never meet a rude shop assistant in an online shop. Sometimes badly designed websites are difficult to use, but most sites are very good, and that makes Internet shopping a relaxing and pleasant experience.

The main reason most people buy from online shops is that they get the best deals there. Price comparison sites tell you where to get the cheapest prices for electronic goods, jewellery, clothes or anything else you want.

Are there any problems with online shopping? Of course there are. You can read about the things that you want to buy but you can't see them or touch them. So you could buy something and find it's not what you really wanted. One way to solve this problem is to visit a real shop, look at the thing you want and then buy it on the Internet. Lots of people do this, but it's unfair for the shop.

Another problem with Internet shopping is that the things you buy are not always delivered quickly. Websites often promise next day delivery, but sometimes you have to wait for two weeks for your new TV or computer. And then, what happens if your new TV or computer doesn't work? It's harder to exchange goods that you bought on the Internet or get a refund.

The thing that worries most people about online shopping is that they might be cheated. They hear stories of people sending money and never receiving their goods, or they worry that their bank information will be stolen. This happens occasionally, but not as often as media reports suggest.

Read the text about Internet shopping. Are the sentences true, false or not mentioned? Choose the correct answer.

Example

More women than men shop online.

- A. ☐ True
- B. ☐ False
- C. ☒ Not mentioned

1. Most men prefer buying things from real shops.
 - A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
2. Some people buy online because they don't want to spend money on parking.

- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
3. If you shop online, you don't buy things you don't want.
- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
4. Some shopping websites are not designed well.
- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
5. People who shop online always compare prices before they buy.
- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
6. There are sometimes delivery problems with Internet shopping.
- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
7. It is impossible to get a refund from an online shop.
- A. ☐ True
 - B. ☐ False
 - C. ☐ Not mentioned
8. The media scares people with stories about bank information being stolen.

- A. ☐ True
- B. ☐ False
- C. ☐ Not mentioned