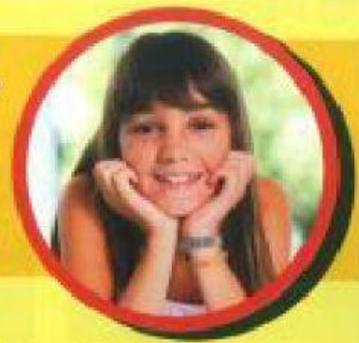


Swap Shop



Why don't you sign up to the website **Swap Shop**?

You can swap something you don't want for something you do want

– and you don't need to pay anything! Here are some ideas from our members ...

Annie

'I've got a necklace I want to swap.'



I've had it for two years and I don't like it anymore.

I've only worn it three times!

I want to swap it for a bracelet or some posters. I'd like a poster of Buffy, from the TV programme. I haven't swapped clothes before, but I think I will now! It's better than spending money at the shopping mall.

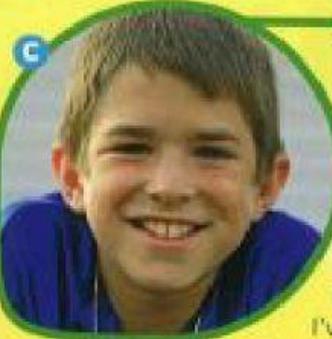
Ben

'I've made a new friend.'



I buy a lot of computer games, but they really cost a lot. The problem is

I've played them all too many times already. I heard about the Swap Shop and swapped one of my games. I was really happy and I've made a new friend – the boy I swapped my game with! Now I want to swap more because I'm bored with my old games.



Charlie

'I hate shopping!'

I hate shopping! I love the idea of Swap Shop and I'd like a skateboard.

I've got a tennis racquet I want to swap.

I've had it since last year and it's too small. I went to the sports shop to try and change it, but they said it was too old. So I'm going to try the Swap Shop. The best thing is it doesn't cost anything!



Kate

'I've swapped some CDs.'

I want a new mobile phone. Mine's quite old. I've saved some money, but it's not enough. A department store

near us sells cheap ones, but they don't have much choice. So I've decided to try and swap mine for a different one on the Swap Shop. I've swapped some CDs on the Shop. It's a brilliant idea!

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Swap, don't shop

Get ideas

- 1 What do you like buying at the shops? Put these things in order (1 = favourite).

books CDs clothes computer games
DVDs magazines sports gear toys

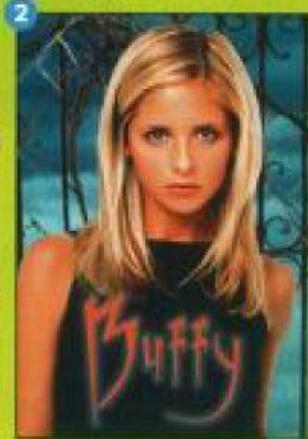
- 2 Complete the questions about shopping with these words. Ask and answer with a partner.

buy cost pay price spend

- How much do you usually *spend* on magazines every month?
- How much do CDs *cost*?
- What do you think is a good *price* for computer games?
- Do you usually *buy* for your books?
- How often do you *buy* new clothes?

Time to read

- 3 Read the webpage and match the photos (1-4) with the correct person (A-D).



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Do you want to understand why someone is writing?

Read the text quickly and try to find the main point.



- 4 Choose the correct words.

- Annie doesn't want her *necklace/posters*.
- Charlie doesn't want his *skateboard/tennis racquet*.
- Ben doesn't want his *computer/computer games*.
- Kate doesn't want her *CDs/mobile phone*.

- 5 Complete the sentences with words from the webpage.

- Annie has not swapped *clothes* on the Swap Shop.
- Annie does not like *shopping* at the shopping mall.
- Ben has made a *computer game* on the Swap Shop.
- Charlie bought his tennis racquet *cheap*.
- The sports shop told Charlie his racquet was *broken*.
- Kate could buy a cheap phone from a *shop*.
- Kate has swapped *CDs* already.

Summarise

Explain in your own words who swapped what and say why.

Ben swapped a computer game because he was bored with it.