



Read the text and do the tasks after it.

### How to be Responsible while Shopping...

*In today's world of endless consumer choices, it's very easy to spend without thinking.*

*Many people enjoy bargain-hunting, but our quest to pay less may have hidden dangers.*

*The following is a guide to responsible shopping, which combines an awareness of human rights and green issues, as well as how to save our hard-earned cash!*

#### Be ethical:

While you probably have no problem remembering where you bought your T-shirt from, do you actually know where and how it was made? Why not do some research on the policies of big chain-store retailers in order to be ethical when it comes to shopping? Find out where they manufacture their goods and in what conditions. How do they treat their employees? Are they involved in sweatshops or the use of child labour? These days, the Internet is a mine of information on big companies and how they operate. Also, you can always choose products labelled 'fairtrade', which is a guarantee the goods have been made under acceptable working conditions.

#### Be green:

First of all, choose products that use fewer natural resources, and avoid goods which come in unnecessary packaging. The goal is not to waste anything! Another great option is buying second-hand. You can find a treasure trove of quality second-hand items at low prices on Internet sites like eBay, as well as in traditional charity shops. It's really worthwhile, as second-hand goods are often much better quality than cheaply made new products for sale at similar prices. Then, of course, there's always recycling. Try to buy products that can be recycled, or products that are already made out of recycled materials. Also, think twice before you throw anything out: you could always try to recycle your belongings yourself!

#### Be smart:

Don't throw your money away! Spending wisely involves some thought and research as well. First of all, before you buy, be clear about what you want to buy to avoid unnecessary purchases. Then, compare prices so that you don't end up paying too much. One great way to save money is to take advantage of seasonal retail shifts, such as the January sales, or late July and August, when they sell summer products off at reduced prices.

#### 2. Fill in the word from the list (drag and drop)

**working    hard-earned    reduced    seasonal    take    human    wisely    child**

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| 1. _____ rights       | 5. _____ labour        |
| 2. _____ conditions   | 6. _____ prices        |
| 3. _____ advantage of | 7. _____ cash          |
| 4. spend _____        | 8. _____ retail shifts |

#### 2. Read the text and complete the sentences with the extracts given in the list. There are extra endings.

**to avoid paying too much    are situated    manufacture their goods**  
**to save money    the goods have been made under acceptable working conditions**  
**they are often much better quality than cheaply made products for sale at similar prices**  
**give them to the poor    try to recycle our belongings**

- We can go online to find out where big companies \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Fairtrade' labels mean \_\_\_\_\_
- It's a good idea to buy secondhand because \_\_\_\_\_
- Instead of throwing things away, we should \_\_\_\_\_
- Comparing prices helps us \_\_\_\_\_
- The sales period is a good time \_\_\_\_\_