

Unit 6 (4)

17 Reading

BUY NOTHING DAY

Read the text and do the activities below

1 ... is it?

It's a day when people don't spend any money for 24 hours. They want to **protest** against consumerism – the concern about buying and having things. The idea is that instead of shopping, you enjoy life without spending anything. It happens in over 65 countries, including Britain.

2 ... did it start?

The first Buy Nothing Day was organized by Ted Dave in Canada in September 1992 because he wanted people to think about consumerism. The idea spread to other countries and it became popular in Britain in 2010.

3 ... is it?

In Britain and America, it's on the fourth Friday in November, the same day as Black Friday – the day when shops have really low prices to encourage people to spend lots of money. It's one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

4 What ... people do on the day?

It depends! Some people go hiking, to enjoy nature, and others organize free events such as street parties or concerts, or they just stay at home. Of course, nobody spends any money!

5 ... it just one day a year?

Yes and no – Buy Nothing Day only lasts 24 hours. However, the organizers of the **campaign** don't just want people to change their lives for a day. They want to make people **aware** of the problems of consumerism, so they buy **less** and less all the time.

a) Write a word to complete the questions (1-5)

c) Now, answer the questions below

b) Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?. Correct the false ones

- 1 On Buy Nothing Day, people don't buy anything for 12 hours.
- 2 Ted Dave thought of the idea of Buy Nothing Day.
- 3 Buy Nothing Day wasn't popular in Britain before 2010.
- 4 In Britain and America, Buy Nothing Day is the day after Black Friday.
- 5 On Buy Nothing Day, everyone goes hiking.

1. What is “Buy nothing day”?

2. Why do they do it?

3. Who started this and why?

4. Is it one day or more? What's their main objective?

18 listening

¿En qué gastan el dinero?

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Name	Age	Way of making money	What he/she does with the money

19 Conversation

Listen to the conversation and fill in the boxes