

UNIT 4 ENGLISH FILE PRE INTERMEDIATE

“Reading, Listening, Writing”

READING

1 Read a teenager’s blog about shopping and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Shopping with mother?

I’m Cathy Huang and I’m 16. Welcome to my blog. This week I’m writing about shopping with your mother. Thanks for reading!

Have you ever been shopping with your mother? I’d like to hear you say ‘Yes, and it was fun.’ But are you really telling the truth? I went to the shopping centre yesterday with my mum. She wanted to buy me a dress for her birthday party. She’s going to be 50 next weekend. So what’s the problem with that? I hear you ask.

Well, the problem is, my mother always wants to buy me what she wants, not what I want. And we want very different things. I tried on a beautiful red dress, but she said it didn’t fit. (It was very short!) Then I tried on a long skirt, but she didn’t like the colour. (It was purple!) I was in and out of changing rooms all day and we couldn’t agree on anything. She rolled her eyes and complained about everything I tried on. It was so depressing. And so boring. By 5 o’clock my feet were killing me and I still didn’t have a dress for the party.

Next time Mum wants to take me shopping, I’m going to tell her my room is a terrible mess and I have to tidy it now. I know it’s not very nice to lie, but shopping with my mother is not fun. And, I’ve just seen a fantastic dress on eBay. It’s so chic. I’m going to look amazing at Mum’s party.

Example: Cathy writes her blog every week.

A True B False C Doesn’t say

- 1 Cathy and her mum went to the shopping centre yesterday.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 2 Cathy’s mum wanted to buy her a skirt.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 3 Cathy’s mum is 50 next weekend.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 4 Cathy’s mum always buys too many clothes.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 5 Cathy tried on a beautiful red dress.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 6 Cathy and her mum agreed on everything.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 7 Cathy thought it was an exciting shopping trip.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 8 By 5 o’clock, Cathy wanted to go home.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 9 Cathy doesn’t want to go shopping with her mum again.
A True B False C Doesn’t say
- 10 Cathy isn’t going to her mum’s birthday party.
A True B False C Doesn’t say

2 Read the blog again and answer the questions.

1 What does Cathy's mum always want to buy her?

2 What did Cathy's mum think of the red dress?

3 What did Cathy's mum complain about?

4 What two problems did Cathy have at 5 o'clock?

5 What is the eBay dress like?

WRITING

Choose one of this stories and write about it, you must use:

- Write a story about a hyped basketball game that everyone is excited for—and what it will mean to the community if the local team manages to win.
- Write a story about a family reunion with a surprising twist.
- Write a story about a brother and sister who are always arguing—until one day when they are forced to have one another's backs.

- **Relatives clauses (almost three)**
- **Although / However / Besides**
- **Present perfect**
- **Past Simple**

LISTENING

1. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

pilot	dentist	shop assistant
tour guide		nurse

1. Speaker A works as a _____.
2. Speaker B works as a _____.
3. Speaker C works as a _____.
4. Speaker D works as a _____.
5. Speaker E works as a _____.

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle the best answer for these questions.

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| 1. Does speaker A enjoy his job? | Yes.
Sometimes.
No. |
| 2. When does speaker A work? | When he is at university.
Weekends.
Summer holidays. |
| 3. When does speaker B work? | Weekdays.
Weekends and holidays.
Summer holidays. |
| 4. What does speaker B say tourists love doing? | Visiting universities.
Taking a boat trip.
Swimming in the river. |
| 5. Does speaker C like his job? | Yes.
Sometimes.
No. |
| 6. What does speaker D say is difficult about being a pilot? | Travelling to many countries.
Learning many languages.
Flying planes in bad weather. |
| 7. What does speaker D say is the best thing about his job? | Visiting different places.
Meeting different people.
The different weather. |
| 8. What does speaker E not like about her job? | The doctors.
The sick people.
The uniform. |