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8 speakout READING & LISTENING EXTRA

ELEMENTARY UNIT 8

1 Where do you usually go shopping: a) at the local shops, b) in a supermarket or c) at a shopping centre. Why?



buy local

The problem?

- Big supermarkets and out-of-town shopping centres are growing all around the country.
- People are driving out to these centres in the car every weekend.
- They aren't shopping in their local shops.
- Small shops are closing in the town centres.
- Local people are losing their jobs.
- Town centres are slowly dying.

The solution? You!

- What can you do?
- Buy your bread from the local baker's every day.
- Go to your local market for fresh food, fruit and vegetables.
- Walk to the shops – it's good for your health and the environment.
- Buy less – shop more often.

You know it makes sense: for you, for your town, for the planet!

2 Look at the poster. What is it trying to do?

1 describe an out-of-town shopping centre
2 ask people to use their local shops
3 give people information about their local shops

3 Look at the first half of the poster (The problem?). Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 There are more big supermarkets than in the past. True | False
2 People walk to the out-of-town shopping centres. True | False
3 People don't go to the small shops near their homes. True | False
4 There are more small shops in the centre now. True | False
5 Small shops are not doing well True | False
6 Town centres are doing very well. True | False

4 Look at the second half of the poster (The solution?). Which of these things do you do regularly? Is it easy to shop in local shops in your neighbourhood?

5 8.1 Listen to Ross. He works for the Buy Local campaign. Is he happy with the campaign at the moment?

6 Listen again and answer the questions.

1 When did he start working with the campaign?
2 Why did he join the campaign?
3 Why did his friend's shop close?
4 What's special about the new car park?
5 How did they help older customers?
6 What is his friend doing now?

7A Match the extracts a)–f) with the questions in Exercise 6.

a) His shop closed. It was very sad.
b) We talked to the local authorities.
c) It was Christmastime, I remember.
d) The shop is open again and it's doing much better than before.
e) Then a new supermarket opened out of town.
f) It makes a big difference.

B Listen again and check.

8 Work in pairs or small groups. Draw up a list of advantages and disadvantages of shopping at an out-of-town shopping centre or supermarket. Think about the things in the box.

prices	time	parking	choice
fresh products		friendly service	

9 Look at the list you wrote in Exercise 8. Do you think it's better to shop in small local shops or at an out-of-town supermarket? Why?

LIVEWORKSHEETS