

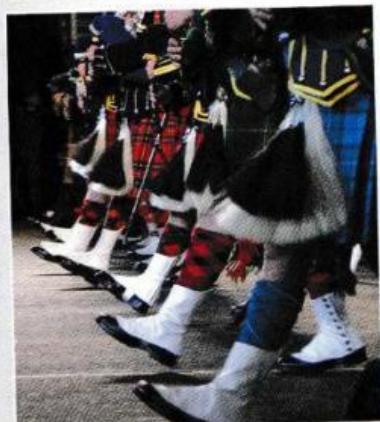
POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- What festivals do you know of? Where are they held?
- Do you like going to museums when you are abroad? Why? / Why not?

A Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (1-6). There are two choices you do not need to use.

The Edinburgh International Festival

The Edinburgh International Festival (EIF) takes place every year in August and September. It started in 1947, and it soon became one of (1) _____ in the world. It presents theatre, music, dance and opera performed by Scottish and international companies and artists.



The festival seeks to promote (2) _____ in an innovative way. It also presents international culture to Scottish audiences and (3) _____. The Festival Director is responsible for the programme and for inviting the artists who are going to perform.

Five other festivals have developed around the EIF over the years. The most important one is the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, which presents performances of (4) _____ with no selection policy. The other four festivals are the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Edinburgh Film Festival, the Edinburgh Jazz Festival and the Edinburgh Book Festival, which is held every two years.

The EIF now takes place in The Hub, (5) _____ and renovated. It opened in its current role in July 1999 and includes a café, a ticket centre, a shop and educational facilities.

The Hub is a permanent focus for the festival, as it houses Festival Insights, a year-round programme of lectures, courses and workshops (6) _____. However, the facilities are used for other purposes, too. The Main Hall can be hired for wedding receptions, fashion shows or choir rehearsals. The Dunard Library is used for lectures, multimedia presentations, seminars and for committee meetings of the Scottish Parliament.

Drawing more than a million people to the city from all over the world, Edinburgh's various festivals are very important to the Scottish economy. They create more than 6,000 jobs and generate over £300 million of spending every year.

- A. arts of a high standard
- B. the most important celebrations of the arts
- C. the other festivals in Edinburgh
- D. featuring Scottish and international artists
- E. Scottish culture to international audiences
- F. a Victorian building which was redesigned
- G. a festival which is organised
- H. theatre, world music, dance and stand-up comedy

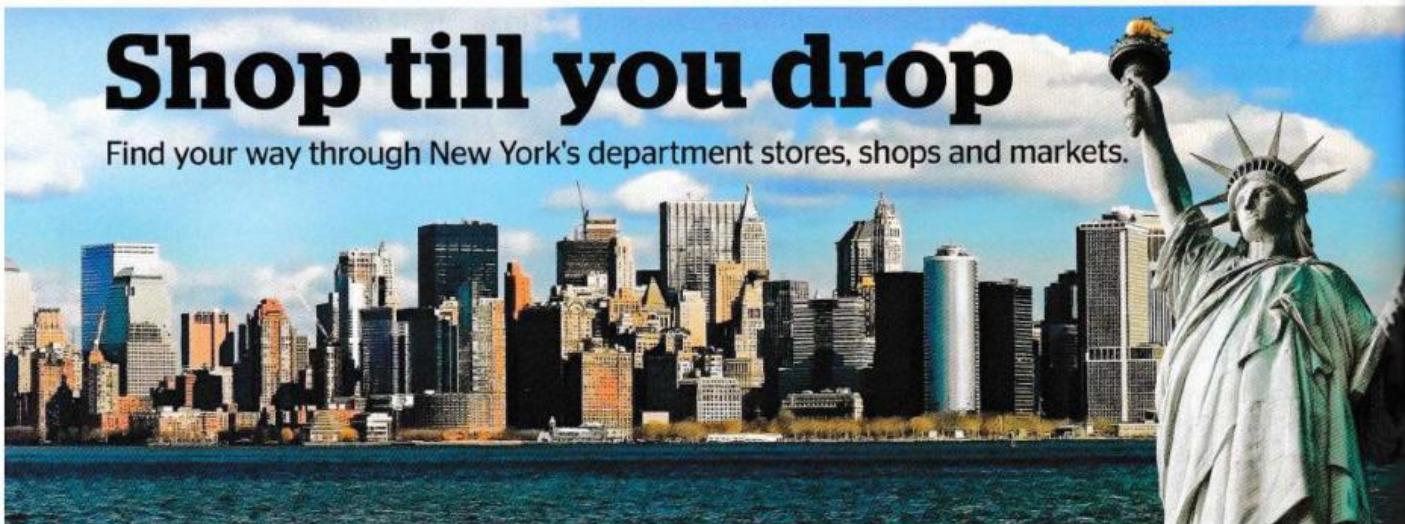


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Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

Shop till you drop

Find your way through New York's department stores, shops and markets.



1 Fifth Avenue

If you aren't worried about your credit card bill, Fifth Avenue is the place for you. In the world's most famous shopping district you'll find so many shops—from designer label boutiques to antique shops—that you won't know where to begin. If you like department stores, visit Saks Fifth Avenue at 49th Street. Those who prefer specialised high-fashion boutiques can choose from Prada, Louis Vuitton, Tiffany & Co., and many more, all within just a few blocks.

2 Manhattan Mall

Manhattan Mall (on Sixth Avenue and 33rd Street) is only one block away from the Empire State Building. It has 80 shops on nine floors—including Sterns Department Store—and New York's largest food court. You can also watch performances of music and drama from different parts of the world every day.

Which of the places _____?

- A. sells used goods
- B. is an area where you can find cheap things
- C. is particularly suitable for children
- D. is open for business 24/7
- E. is an expensive shopping area
- F. sells only food
- G. is open very early in the morning
- H. is near a famous tourist attraction

3 Green Flea Indoor and Outdoor Markets

The ideal place to spend a Sunday morning. You'll find an unbelievable selection of clothes, jewellery, antiques, CDs, new and second-hand books, as well as flowers, fresh fruit and vegetables.

4 Orchard Street

Thousands of shoppers from all over the world visit the historic Orchard Street Bargain District in Lower Manhattan. Look for the best bargains in clothes, shoes, leather goods, jewellery, furniture and lots more.

5 South Street Seaport

The area's buildings, dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries, have been changed into galleries, boutiques and shops. In the Fulton Market Building you'll find the famous Fulton Fish Market, where selling begins at 5 a.m.! There are also over 100 cafés and restaurants, so your only problem will be deciding where to have lunch.

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Would you like to attend the Edinburgh International Festival? Why? / Why not?
- When you are learning a foreign language, is it important to know the culture and history of the country/ies where it is spoken? Why? / Why not?