

LISTENING

Name:

B Bunkitsu is a Japanese bookstore. Listen. How is Bunkitsu different than other bookstores? Circle your answers. 

1. You can't ____ for free.
 - a. enter the bookstore
 - b. browse magazines
 - c. drink tea
2. The employees won't help you find a specific ____.
 - a. subject
 - b. book
 - c. magazine

WORD BANK

alphabetize arrange in order from A to Z

browse look over products casually (without buying them)

C Listen again. Use the numbers in the box to complete the amounts. Then write the missing words. 

20 30–40 200 1,500 30,000

1. ____ %: the amount _____ have declined in Japan
2. ____ yen: the _____ fee
3. ____ : the number of _____ in the store
4. ____ : the number of titles published every _____
5. ____ %: the percentage of customers who _____ something when visiting the store

D Listen for context. Listen to the sentences. What do the underlined words refer to? 

1. [They're] trying to change that negative trend.
 - a. people buying books
 - b. bookstores closing in Tokyo
 - c. bookstores opening in Tokyo
2. "By doing this, customers are often surprised to find new books."
 - a. getting an employee to help
 - b. buying new books
 - c. browsing all the books in a section

E Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. "A visit to Bunkitsu is about more than just shopping for a new book: it's about enjoying the *bookstore experience*." What do you think this means? Explain in your own words.
2. Would you pay money to go to a bookstore like Bunkitsu? Why or why not? What kind of store would you pay money to enter?

A bookshelf at Bunkitsu

