

Vox pops

- 1 Work with a partner. Take turns to describe the words and phrases in the box and guess what is being described.

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- 2 Watch the video. Do sections 1 and 2.

In what ways have spending habits changed over the past few years?

- 1 Match the people to sentences 1–4.

Deborah Emily Sami Stephen

- 1 People nowadays are looking for reduced items.
- 2 Spending habits haven't really changed.
- 3 People need to save up before buying new items.
- 4 Many purchases reflect the desire to keep up with technology.



How have your own spending habits changed?

- 2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

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| 1 Deborah spends more of her budget on her home and less on going away. | T | F |
| 2 Emily spends a lot less since getting a full-time job. | T | F |
| 3 Sami spends an equal amount on throwaway fashion items as he spends on upmarket fashion labels. | T | F |
| 4 Debbie feels that now she is older she needs to earn more money so that she can buy more things. | T | F |

- 3 Work in small groups. Discuss the questions about spending habits. Do you have the same ideas?

- 1 Do you prefer quality or quantity?
- 2 When do you prefer quality over quantity?
- 3 When do you prefer to go for the cheap and cheerful option?