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Read the article below about how teenagers shop today.

Teen Trends: The New Way to Shop

Shopping used to be simple. You went to a shop, tried on clothes, and bought what you liked. But for today's teenagers, shopping is a whole new world. Social media, online deals, and being smart with money are changing how they fill their wardrobes and get the latest gadgets.

Sixteen-year-old Olivia explains, "My friends and I spend hours on Pinterest and Instagram. We're always looking for new fashion ideas there. If I see something I really want, like a cool pair of trainers, but it's too expensive, I'll wait. I know it will probably be on sale in a few weeks, or I can find a special offer online."

Many teens, just like adults, are very keen on getting good value for money. They love discounts and are skilled at finding them. "Online companies often charge less, and it's so easy to compare prices," says Olivia. "Sometimes you can even get extra discounts at the checkout when you're paying online."

It's not just about new items either. There's a growing trend for second-hand shopping among teenagers. "There are lots of great second-hand websites where things are even cheaper," Olivia mentions. "You won't find brand new stuff there, but you can save a lot of money."

Mobile technology is also a big part of their shopping journey. Downloading shopping apps is very popular. These apps help them find deals, compare prices, and even try on clothes virtually.

While online shopping is convenient, teenagers still enjoy the physical experience of going to shops. "Sometimes we go to a gaming store and try out several new games," says Olivia. "A lot of games cost more than we can afford, so we wait until there's a special offer, like 'buy one get one free'."

After a day of shopping, whether online or in person, teens often meet up with friends. "I love healthy food, especially organic," Olivia adds. "We go to places that serve it, but it can be expensive. After that, I usually don't have any money left!"

Comprehension Questions

Choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each question.

1. What is one way shopping has changed for teenagers?

   A) They only shop in physical stores now.

   B) They use social media and online deals more.

   C) They prefer to buy very expensive items.

2. What does Olivia do if an item she wants is too expensive?

   A) She buys it immediately anyway.

   B) She asks her parents for extra money.

   C) She waits for it to be on sale or for a special offer.

3. Why do teenagers like online shopping?

   A) It's more expensive but more fun.

   B) Online companies often charge less and it's easy.

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C) They don't have to leave their homes.

4. What is a "second-hand website"?

   A) A website that sells new items at high prices.

   B) A website that sells used items for less money.

   C) A website that sells only luxury brands.

5. What do shopping apps help teenagers with?

   A) Only playing games.

   B) Finding deals and comparing prices.

   C) Meeting new friends.

6. According to Olivia, what do teenagers often do after shopping?

   A) They go straight home.

   B) They go to a gaming store again.

   C) They go for lunch or eat healthy food.

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