

The World's Online Marketplace™ — eBay!

Check (✓) the statements you think are true. Then scan the article to check your answers.

■ eBay is a place to buy and sell things. ■ You can make friends on eBay. ■ Everyone likes eBay.

- 1 Do you like shopping online? Do you like finding a bargain or a good buy? Then eBay is for you. eBay is The World's Online Marketplace.™ It's a place to buy and sell almost anything. With over 18 million members, eBay is more popular than any other shopping site on the Internet.
- 2 People trade millions of different things on eBay's Web site: from cars to electronics to musical instruments. Here's how it works: A member puts an advertisement for an item on the Web site. Other members bid, or offer money, for the item. The person who bids the most money gets to buy the item. Then the seller sends the item to the buyer.
- 3 "Selling on eBay is easy," says Mike Stacks. He's the owner of a company that sells used computers. And he adds, "I make friends on eBay. I think it's a very friendly place." But some people don't like it. "I think the traditional way to shop is better," says Jenny Feng, a student. "I want to touch things – not see a picture of them."
- 4 But whether you like it or not, eBay is here to stay. There are now eBay users in the United States, Europe, Latin America, China, and many other countries. Soon, people may be able to shop on eBay anywhere in the world.



A Read the article. Answer these questions. Then write the number of the paragraph where you find each answer.

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| a. How many people use eBay? | d. What is eBay? |
| b. What do people think about eBay? | e. Where can you shop on eBay? |
| c. How do you sell items on eBay? | f. What can you buy and sell on eBay? |

B Find these statements in the article. Which are facts? Which are opinions? Check (✓) Fact or Opinion.

	Fact	Opinion
1. It's a place to buy and sell almost anything.	☐	☐
2. eBay is more popular than any other shopping site.	☐	☐
3. The person who bids the most money gets to buy the item.	☐	☐
4. Selling on eBay is easy.	☐	☐
5. The traditional way to shop is better.	☐	☐

C Pair work Have you ever shopped online? If so, how was your experience?