

Scalpers, Scammers and Schemes

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TASK 1: Use your knowledge or a translator to translate these words and phrases.

to buy / purchase		bargain (great deal)	
to spend (money) on		overpriced	
to save up for		affordable	
sale		subscription	
to waste money		budget	
price		profit	
discount		investment	
receipt		consumer	
refund		seller / vendor	
second-hand		scam	

TASK 2: Many words in the English language can be formed from other words. Try to make other words from the ones given. Use the example.

Noun (daiktavardis)	Verb (veiksmažodis)	Adjective (būdvardis)	Adverb (prieveiksmis)
subscription	subscribe	-	-
consumer			-
		profitable	-
			wastefully

TASK 3.1: Read the text "An Unknowing Victim" and answer the questions below. Use full sentences.



Last year, Rugilè started buying limited-edition make-up products and reselling them online. At first, she thought it would be an easy way to turn a profit. Sgee said, "If I buy them early, I can sell them for a higher price." Some of her friends called her a "scalper", someone who buys out products only to resell them later at a higher price.

She soon realised that some items were overpriced and didn't sell well. In fact, many of the products didn't have a long shelf life, meaning she couldn't keep them for too long since the products went bad pretty quickly. After a while she realized that she had invested roughly €150 in products that nobody wanted to buy.

Rugilè admitted that she had made several impulsive purchases and that she hadn't calculated her budget carefully.

Eventually, she ended up using most of the products herself. A good chunk of them also had to be thrown out. Now she says that she will focus on buying things she only intends to use.

Why did Rugilè start reselling products?

What mistake did she make?

What happened to the products she purchased?

TASK 3.2: What is your opinion of "scalpers"? Have you ever encountered one? Write a short paragraph, state your opinion and give reasons for why you think so.

TASK 4: Scan the QR code and do the exercises there.

