FOLLOW UP CLASS ACTIVITY 3

StartUp 3

1 BEFORE YOU READ

goods: things which are made and sold

used: something that is not new and has already had an owner

directly: with no other person or thing involved

a dropdown menu: a least of choices that appears on a screen when you click on a menu

browse: to look for information on the Internet or on the website

a search engine: a computer program that helps you find information on the Internet

2 READ

A PREVIEW Look at the title and scan the reviews. What do you think they are about?

B 09-22 Listen. Read the online reviews.

Howl Reviews



Used NeighborGoods to get my furniture

Marina V. Has anyone used the NeighborGoods App to buy used stuff? If so, what did you think of it? I'd love to know how it works.

Carlos B. Marina, I use NeighborGoods all the time—it's great. When I first heard about it, I had never used an app to buy things directly from people. But I did a search and the online reviews were positive, so I decided to check it out.

You're going to like how easy it is to use. First, you choose your city from a list in a dropdown menu. Then you can look for items by browsing through categories or by typing in exactly what you want in the site's search engine. The app connects you to items that people are giving away or selling within five miles of your address. Now, I know what you're thinking: How can you trust someone you've never met? Well, the app checks everyone's personal information when they join, so I think it's safe to use.

Here's what I like about it. It's great if you're looking for interesting or inexpensive furniture, clothes, or even children's toys. There are a lot of great items. And because it only searches locally, you don't have to waste time or money traveling too far away.

Dan M. I love this app! I used it to find furniture for my apartment. I recently moved, and I needed a lot of things—everything really. Plus, I didn't have much money.

I browsed through the furniture section, and there was a lot to choose from. I realized that a lot of the furniture I liked was from one seller. It was a couple who lived right around the corner. I bought a bed, two end tables, and a bookcase, and it only cost me $100. It was such a great deal!

NeighborGoods is a smart way to find lots of inexpensive stuff. But my favorite thing about using the app was getting to meet my neighbors! The couple that I met was really nice and friendly. They told me everything I needed to know about the neighborhood. You should definitely give NeighborGoods a try!

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3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A **Which statement best describes the main idea of the reviews?**

a. NeighborGoods is the best way to learn about your neighborhood.
b. NeighborGoods is a good way to find used items.
c. NeighborGoods is the best app available.

B **Read the reviews again. Circle the correct answers. There is more than one correct answer.**

1. Why does Carlos like NeighborGoods? (3 answers)
   a. It helps him make friends.
   b. It is a good way to find interesting stuff.
   c. It helps him find things nearby.
   d. It is safe to use.
2. How did Carlos find and learn about the app? (2 answers)
   a. A good friend told him about it.
   b. He found it through a search engine.
   c. He read online reviews about it.
   d. He saw an online ad.
3. Why did Dan decide to use the app? (2 answers)
   a. He needed furniture.
   b. He had just moved to the area.
   c. He needed children's toys.
   d. He wanted to make new friends.
4. What do they both like about the app? (2 answers)
   a. It has inexpensive stuff.
   b. It's a great way to meet people.
   c. It has a lot of items to choose from.
   d. It only has really nice stuff.

C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE **Reread lines 3–8 in the reviews. Think about the phrases *check it out* and *within five miles*. Circle the correct answers.**

1. When Carlos *checked out* the website, he ___ .
   a. paid to be able to use it
   b. researched it to learn more about it
   c. paid for items online
2. The phrase *within five miles* means ___ .
   a. five miles or less b. more than five miles c. exactly five miles

READING SKILL Identify fact vs. opinion

When you are reading something, it is important to notice the difference between facts and opinions. A fact is a piece of information that is true. An opinion is someone's preference or idea. An opinion will vary from person to person.

D **Read the Reading Skill. Read the statements and write *fact* or *opinion*.**

_____ 1. NeighborGoods finds you items within five miles of your address.
_____ 2. $100 for a bed, two end tables, and a bookcase is a great deal!
_____ 3. NeighborGoods has positive online reviews.
_____ 4. NeighborGoods is a smart way to find inexpensive stuff.
_____ 5. The best thing about NeighborGoods is meeting new people.

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