

Complete the article. Use one word in each gap. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Retail therapy

Retail therapy makes us feel better. In spite of the ⁽⁰⁾ **FACT** that we have hit hard times, people still find money to go shopping. Even ⁽¹⁾ _____ they can't afford to spend too much, they keep up the habit.

In some cases, they don't buy anything at all, ⁽²⁾ _____ they still get pleasure from window shopping. The main point of this 'retail therapy' is to cheer ourselves up. In ⁽³⁾ _____ of struggling to make ends meet, people still find ways of practising this 'hobby'. ⁽⁴⁾ _____ though it's popular, it's a really strange kind of habit. On the one ⁽⁵⁾ _____, people are worried about the contents of their wallet and on the ⁽⁶⁾ _____, they waste money on things which they can do without. And ⁽⁷⁾ _____ the fact that we are going through a global economic crisis, prices are still going up.

⁽⁸⁾ _____ retail therapy may seem to be a harmless hobby, it can become an addiction, and is particularly serious in young people. ⁽⁹⁾ _____, the addiction itself is not treated as seriously as other addictions. ⁽¹⁰⁾ _____ people can get professional or medical help for many other addictions, serial shoppers are simply encouraged to get ... more retail therapy.