

Activity 1

With your partner brainstorm all the words you can think of associated with 'shopping'.

Activity 2

Discuss with your partner what the shopping words and phrases below mean.

shopping centre bargain department store window shopping shopaholic chainstore receipt
save up for something impulse buy discount consumer society market stall haggle

Activity 3

Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the following idioms in the correct form.

to shop all over the shop the shop floor to talk shop

1. She doesn't like it when her husband's colleagues come to dinner because they all evening. She doesn't like talking about work all the time.
2. 'Your bedroom's a mess! You've left your toys Tidy everything up at once!'
3. 'Is your brother a manager in that car factory or does he work in one of the offices?'
'Neither. He works on, actually making the cars.'
4. 'How did the police find out that he had stolen the money?'
'His girlfriend him. She rang the police and told them!'

Activity 4

Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner.

1. Do you enjoy shopping? Why/not?
2. Do you enjoy window shopping? Why/not?
3. Have you ever bought anything from a catalogue or shopped online? What did you buy?
4. How safe do you think it is to shop online? Do you worry about credit card fraud?
5. Have you ever bought anything from a door-to-door salesman or a street vendor?
6. Do you ever go to market? If so, do you always go to the same stalls?
7. Would you like to work in a shop or be a market stallholder? Why/not?
8. When you go shopping what influences you more – price, quality, the layout of the shop, etc?
9. Are you a bargain-hunter? Do you tend to wait for the sales before buying things?
10. What's the best bargain you have ever bought?
11. Have you ever bought something on impulse and then regretted it? If so, what was it and what made you buy it?
12. Do you know anyone who is a shopaholic?
13. Do you prefer shopping in well-known chainstores or in little boutiques?
14. Have you ever haggled? How successful were you?
15. Are you saving up for anything at the moment? If so, what?
16. How has the way we shop changed over the last 50 years?
17. How do you think the way we shop will change over the next few years?

Activity 5

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1. According to the article, why is it easier to be shopaholic nowadays than in the past?
2. What did President Lincoln's wife 'collect'?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'What makes people do so much shopping these days?'

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