

● Do you like to shop? Why / Why not?

I'm a shopaholic! I love to shop. I can spend a lot of time / money shopping. I like to look at / try on everything in the shop (BrE) / store (AmE). Shopping is my favourite / least favourite activity. I spend hours online looking at things. I sometimes just go window shopping with my friends so we can see what is new in the shops. I hate shopping! There are too many people / long queues (BrE) / lines (AmE). Everything is so expensive. I prefer to shop online because there are no queues / everything is delivered to your home / it's cheaper.

● How often and where do you usually shop?

I shop / go shopping almost every day / once a week / month / only when I need something. We always / never / sometimes go to shopping centres (BrE) / malls (AmE) / hypermarkets / boutiques. My friends / family normally look for big discounts after Christmas / at the end of the season / in the 'back to school' sales. We sometimes use coupons to get discounts in the grocery store / supermarket.

● Do you prefer small shops or large shopping centres?

I like large shops because they have a bigger selection / lower prices. They are open longer / open every day. I don't like large shops because they are crowded / there are long queues. I prefer small shops because they are specialized / have friendlier sales assistants. I don't like small shops because they have a limited selection / are more expensive / have shorter opening hours.

● What are some basic types of shops?

If I am shopping for clothes / shoes / accessories, I can go to a small boutique / shopping centre / mall / outlet store / department store / second-hand shop. When I need school supplies, I can go to a bookshop / stationery shop. If I want sports equipment, I go to a sports shop.

If I need a phone or a TV, I can go to an electronics shop. If I need medicine, I go to a chemist's (BrE) / pharmacy (AmE). For food I can go to a supermarket / grocery store / greengrocer / butcher / bakery / farmers' market. If it's late at night and I need milk or toilet paper, I can buy it at a corner / convenience store.

● What is the difference between a department store, a supermarket and a hypermarket?

A department store is a shop which has many departments selling different goods. A supermarket is a large shop that sells mainly food. A hypermarket is a very large store, usually situated out of town, which sells many different types of goods. Hypermarkets usually have large car parks.

● What do you usually buy? What was the last thing you bought?

I buy something almost every day. I usually buy clothing / books / computer accessories / electronics / food when I go shopping. I always buy small gifts for my family / friends for their birthdays / name days / for Christmas. I go to the grocery store / supermarket with my mum / dad / family and help pick out vegetables / shampoo / soap / breakfast cereal. My dad likes to go to the hardware / DIY shops where he finds things for the house like wood / nails / screws / tools. The last thing I bought was ...

● Who are the people that work in a shop?

In the shop there are lots of shop / sales assistants / sales clerks (AmE) who help you find things and answer questions. They can also help you when you are trying on clothes. A shelf-stacker is someone who makes sure there are goods on shelves. When you are ready to pay, you go the checkout and a cashier will take your money and put your shopping in a bag. There are also security guards who protect the store against shoplifters.

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