

# Shopping



## Common questions

**Part 1** - How do you feel about shopping?

**Part 1** - What types of shops do you use regularly?

**Part 2** - Describe your favourite shop.

**Part 3** - Why do you think some people purchase things that they do not need?

**Part 3** - To what extent do you think advertising affects the way people shop?

**Part 3** - How have shopping habits changed over recent years?

## Vocabulary and expressions

**Window shopping (n)** - looking at goods in shop windows without intending to buy any of them.

*I love to go window shopping in my free time.*

**Shop around (pv)** - to compare price and quality of items before deciding on one.

*I tend to shop around for expensive items such as home appliances.*

**Exorbitant (adj)** - too expensive.

*The price of phones nowadays is exorbitant!*

**Impulse buy (n)** - something that you buy suddenly and without thinking carefully.

*My new watch was an impulse buy. I really regret it now!*

**Shopping spree (n)** - buy a lot of things in a short period of time.

*Last weekend, I went on a shopping spree and spent all my pocket money.*

**Shopaholic (n)** - a person who enjoys shopping very much and does it a lot.

*My friend is a shopaholic and goes shopping at least three times a week.*

**Knock-down price (phr)** - a price much lower than it would be normally.

*I try to get most items at a knock-down price.*

**Haggle (v)** - negotiating or arguing over the price of something.

*I hate haggling at the market!*

**Brick-and-mortar store (n)** - the physical store (rather than online).

*I prefer to go to a proper brick-and-mortar store rather than buy online.*

**Top-notch (adj)** - excellent.

*I bought a top-notch watch at the weekend.*