

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words given. There are two extra words.

belt • earrings • hoodie • leggings • suit

- 1 Laura always wears a red _____ to the gym.
- 2 That blue _____ will look good with a white shirt for the wedding.
- 3 Alex wore _____ on his hands when he played basketball!
- 4 I've got some clothes in my _____ because it might get cold later.
- 5 The _____ on her finger was gold and looked really expensive.

2 Complete the text with the words given.

baggy • denim • designer labels • second-hand • stylish

Some of my friends love to wear clothes made by famous brands that have **1.** _____. I prefer to shop at **2.** _____ shops because it's cheaper and better for the environment. You can often find cool, **3.** _____ items there if you look carefully. My favourite materials are cotton for T-shirts and shirts and **4.** _____ for jackets and jeans. I don't like clothes that are too tight, so I often choose **5.** _____ trousers and hoodies.

3 Complete the text with the correct options.

My brother never gets bored **1. at / for / of / with** going to the shopping centre, but I prefer going to our local market. The market is well-known **2. at / for / of / with** accessories, and some of the people who sell them are brilliant **3. at / for / of / with** creating new designs. You can also find second-hand clothes at the market. With the stylish coat I bought last week, I'm now ready **4. at / for / of / with** winter and I didn't spend all my money. I'm proud **5. at / for / of / with** my ability to find great clothes at a good price!

4 Complete the text with the correct word.

I've decided to take a **1.** _____ in photography because I really enjoy taking pictures. I always take **2.** _____ of my friends when we go out, but I want to learn how to take better photos of places. Why? Well, in August, I want to take a **3.** _____ to Rome to visit and take a **4.** _____ at all the famous places. My friends and I want to take our **5.** _____ and study all the sights carefully.

Grammar

1 Rewrite the second sentence as affirmative (✓), negative (x) or question (?).

1 We went to the fashion show.
?

2 Alex didn't wear a tracksuit.
✓

3 Did you wash your denim jeans?
x

4 They took ages to do the exam.
?

5 They were aware of the price.
x

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to*.

1 I _____ to go to the shops, but now I shop online.

2 Max _____ to exercise much, but now he runs three times a week.

3 We _____ to play board games, but now we only play online games.

4 My father _____ to take us to school, but now we cycle.

5 What time _____ to get up when you were very young?

3 Complete the text with the correct past simple and past continuous form of the verbs given. There are two extra verbs.

continue • have • not eat • not swim • play • sing • walk

A Day Out at the Beach

Last Saturday, I went to the beach with my friends. While we 1. _____ (walk) along the shore, we saw some dolphins in the water. They were amazing! We 2. _____ (not swim) with them because the water was too cold! Later, we 3. _____ (have) a picnic when it suddenly started to rain. We ran to some trees, and we 4. _____ (continue) with our picnic. Soon, it stopped raining and we 5. _____ (play) beach volleyball. It was a perfect day.

4 Complete the text with the correct past simple and past continuous form of the verbs given.

Ahmed said that while they **1. _____ (shop)** last Saturday, a young man in a red jacket **2. _____ (take)** his phone. Ahmed and Pablo **3. _____ (look)** at some jeans in a clothes shop, when Ahmed **4. _____ (notice)** someone open his backpack. Ahmed **5. _____ (run)** after the young man, but he got away.

5 Complete the sentences with *when* or *while*.

- 1 _____ I was shopping, I spent all my money.
- 2 We were walking to school _____ we saw an accident.
- 3 _____ Sara arrived at the cinema, her friends were waiting for her.
- 4 My sister was living in Paris _____ she met her husband.
- 5 I found a present for Tania _____ I was looking online.

Use of English

1 Complete the text with the correct options.

Bookshops of the world: El Ateneo Grand Splendid

Buenos Aires is famous **1. at/for/of/on** its fantastic cultural life, but not many people are **2. aware/bored/proud/well-known** of the fact that the capital of Argentina has more bookshops than any other city in the world: more than 730! While I **3. visited/was visiting /used to visit/visit** the city, I also found the most **4. second-hand/loud/patterned/stylish** bookshop in the world: El Ateneo Grand Splendid. I didn't just take **5. a look at/a course in/ a trip to/selfies of** the more than 120,000 books on its bookshelves. I also looked at the beautiful walls and ceiling. El Ateneo Grand Splendid **6. be/used to be/didn't use to/used** a theatre, and it still has a big stage. I **7. was spending/spent/spend/did spend** three hours in the shop and left with lots of books in my **8. tracksuit/suit/hoodie/backpack**. If you are visiting Buenos Aires, you have to see it!

Listening

1 Listen to a podcast about pop-up shops. Answer the questions. Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 What is a pop-up shop?
 - a A permanent shop in a busy area
 - b A shop that only sells pop music
 - c A temporary shop that opens for a short time
 - d A shop that opens only at weekends
- 2 What happened in Los Angeles in 1997?
 - a They sold Levi jeans at pop-up shops.
 - b The first pop-up shops appeared.
 - c Big brands organised a shopping event.
 - d Lots of shops had to close.

- 3 Why are there more pop-up shops now?
- a People don't like online shopping anymore.
 - b There aren't many traditional shops.
 - c The pandemic left many empty shops available.
 - d They are cheaper to start than online stores.
- 4 Why are fewer people going to shops?
- a Because of a 10 to 20% increase in prices.
 - b Because of a global health problem.
 - c Because there are more trendy items online.
 - d Because there are fewer high street shops.
- 5 What increased by 18% last year?
- a The number of pop-up shops
 - b The number of traditional shops
 - c The number of visitors to real shops
 - d The number of empty stores
- 6 What do some people believe about the 'online to offline' way of shopping?
- a It only works for shops with a website.
 - b It is not good for small businesses.
 - c It is cheaper than using a website.
 - d It helps people visit real shops again.

2 Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 Pop-up shop owners usually have an _____ store.
- 2 Pop-up shops take advantage of the latest fashion trend or _____ season.
- 3 Big _____ quickly became interested in the idea of pop-up shops.
- 4 Pop-up shops are usually cheaper to _____ than regular shops.
- 5 People want to see and touch _____ items like clothes before buying.
- 6 Pop-up shops aren't the _____ of shopping.

Reading

The shopping mall

1. The first indoor shopping mall in the USA opened in 1956 in Minnesota. Victor Gruen, the architect, told the media that it was the 'shopping centre of the future'. Gruen was right, but it was a businessman called Alfred Taubman who took a look at Gruen's idea and made it better.
2. Taubman wanted people to spend as much money as possible in his shopping malls. He decided to have shops on only two floors. He then put the escalators that moved consumers between the floors at the two ends of the mall. Why? Because he wanted people to take their time and walk past all the shops on each floor before they could go up or down. They could then look at all the goods and designer labels on offer. Furthermore, he didn't want the shops to have big glass windows, so people could walk in and out easily.
3. Taubman wanted shoppers to spend a lot of time in the malls and spend more as well, so his malls had glass roofs to allow natural light in. He put big lights next to the glass ceilings, so when it was becoming darker, the lights came on and shoppers were not aware of the passing of time. He also organised shows and events in the malls, so people stayed longer.
4. Today, some shopping malls are as big as small towns and have restaurants and cinemas as well as shops. Many people see a visit to a shopping mall as a leisure activity, and they spend hours and lots of money there. They don't realise that was exactly what Alfred Taubman wanted!

1 Read the article about shopping in the USA. For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 Gruen said his shopping mall was
a better than other shopping malls.
b Alfred Taubman's idea.
c the best mall in Minnesota.
d a new way of shopping.
- 2 Taubman wanted visitors to his shopping malls to
a buy as much as possible.
b get a lot of exercise.
c buy and leave quickly.
d visit every shop in the mall.
- 3 Taubman designed shopping malls so that visitors could
a change floors very easily.
b leave when it got dark.
c see as many products as possible.
d shop 24 hours a day.
- 4 Taubman used electric light
a because there wasn't any natural light.
b to make visitors think it was still daytime.
c to help shoppers realize that it was late.
d for local festivals and celebrations.

- 5 Modern shopping malls
a are usually located in the centre of towns.
b have fewer shops and more leisure facilities.
c are organized in the same way as a small town.
d continue to use some of Taubman's ideas.

2 Read the text again. Match the extra information (A–G) to the paragraphs (1–4).

- A Shoppers don't seem to notice that the day is longer in a shopping mall.
B However, the design of a modern shopping mall is very similar to the design of malls from 70 years ago.
C He added large open spaces for festivals and where children could play.
D Some of the biggest, however, are not in the USA, but in Asia.
E He decided to put restaurants on a third floor because people only want to eat at certain times of the day.
F Today, Gruen is seen as the father of the modern local shopping mall and one of the most important architects of the 20th century.
G By the end of the 1960s, there were more than 8,000 local shopping malls in the USA.

Critical thinking

Give an advantage and disadvantage of using shopping malls. Justify your answers. Write no more than 60 words.

Writing

Imagine a time that you lost something that was important to you. Write a story about it. Use the following points and the checklist to help you. Write 100–125 words.

- what you lost
- where and when you lost it
- why it was special
- how it happened
- how you felt
- whether you found it or not

Speaking

Imagine that you have an item of clothing that you want to return to a shop. Think about what you will say to the sales assistant. Use the prompts to help you.

- Your friend bought you something for your birthday.
- You don't like the colour and it's too large.
- You would like to change it for one in a smaller size.