

10 BUYING THINGS



ABOUT YOU

Where do you do most of your shopping: online or in the shops? Which is better?
What do you buy online and what do you buy in shops? Why?

What kind of shopper are you?

Choose *yes* or *no* and find out.

VOCABULARY

AND

READING

Buying and selling

1 Match photos A–H to the words in the box.

EP

bill cash discount price
purse receipt sale wallet



Listen and check. Then repeat.

2 Do the shopping quiz. Do you agree with the statements? Choose *yes* or *no* for each sentence.

3 Now check your answers on page 124.

4 In pairs, discuss your answers. Which of you:

- 1 buys more online than in the shops?
- 2 sometimes checks the bill?
- 3 usually shops in the sales?
- 4 carries cash in their purse or wallet?
- 5 never asks shop assistants anything?
- 6 spends more on clothes than their friends?

5 Put the words from Exercise 1 into the correct columns.

Countable nouns (C)

Uncountable nouns (U)

1	I look at the price before I buy expensive things, like some shoes.	Yes / No
2	I'm not interested in any discounts. I want to buy the best.	Yes / No
3	I make sure I keep a few receipts from my shopping.	Yes / No
4	I don't buy much in the shops, only a few things a month.	Yes / No
5	I usually buy a lot of T-shirts and tops in the sales.	Yes / No
6	I often ask the shop assistant for some advice on what to buy.	Yes / No
7	I always check the bills when I eat in cafés or restaurants.	Yes / No
8	I never have any cash in my wallet or purse. I spend money quickly.	Yes / No
9	I don't buy CDs, but I share a lot of music with my friends.	Yes / No
10	I spend a bit of time every week looking at clothes online.	Yes / No



GRAMMAR

some, any, a lot of, a few, a bit of

- 1** Read the sentences from the quiz. Then complete the rules with *countable*, *uncountable* or *countable and uncountable*.

I look at the price before I buy expensive things, like **some** shoes.

I often ask the shop assistant for **some** advice on what to buy.

I'm not interested in **any** discounts.

I never have **any** cash in my wallet or purse.

I usually buy **a lot of** clothes, like T-shirts and tops, in the sales.

I share **a lot of** music with my friends.

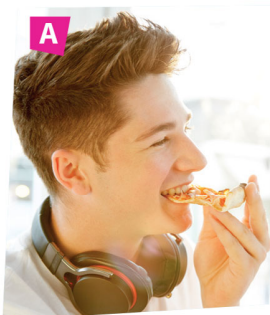
I make sure I keep **a few** receipts from my shopping.

I spend **a bit of** time looking at clothes online.

- 1 We use **some** in positive sentences with _____ nouns.
- 2 We use **any** in negative sentences with _____ nouns.
- 3 We use **a lot of** in positive sentences with _____ nouns.
- 4 We use **a few** in positive sentences with _____ nouns.
- 5 We use **a bit of** in positive sentences with _____ nouns.

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- 2** Match the photos A-D to the sentences.



- 1 He's got **a bit of** pizza.
- 2 He's got **a few** books.
- 3 He's got **a lot of** pizza.
- 4 He's got **a lot of** books.

- 3** Look at the photos. Complete the sentences with *a bit of*, *a few* or *a lot of*.



- 1 There are _____ socks on the bed.
- 2 There's _____ cake left.
- 3 There are _____ eggs in the fridge.
- 4 There are _____ books on the shelf.
- 5 He's got _____ money in his wallet.
- 6 I only ate _____ breakfast this morning.



PRONUNCIATION

Weak forms: /ə/



- 4** Listen and repeat.

- 1 Can I have a bit of your burger?
- 2 He took a few photos.
- 3 A lot of people came.

- 5** In pairs, take it in turns to read the answers from Exercise 3.

- 6** Correct the mistakes in the sentences.



- 1 Please can you bring a pencils for drawing.
- 2 I want to buy a clothes. Can you help me?
- 3 I'm phoning to tell you a few good news.
- 4 You only need to bring a shorts and a T-shirt.
- 5 I'm sorry, but I haven't got some cash.

- 7** Write six sentences about your shopping habits using *some*, *any*, *a lot of*, *a few* or *a bit of*.

In pairs, compare your sentences and check you are using the grammar correctly. Are any of your partner's statements true for you?

READING

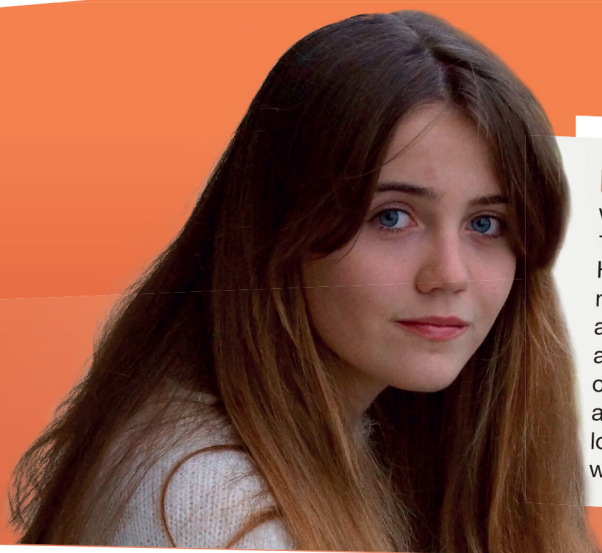
- 1 What ideas can you think of for an online business? Discuss your ideas with a partner.
- 2 Look at the photos of the two young business people. Read and complete the information:

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NAME:	NAME:
COUNTRY:	COUNTRY:
NAME OF BUSINESS:	NAME OF BUSINESS:
TYPE OF BUSINESS:	TYPE OF BUSINESS:

TWO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS TO WATCH



Cory Nieves, or Mr Cory, is from the United States. He started his business when he was six years old because he was tired of getting the bus to school. He wanted to make some money to help his mum, Lisa, buy a car. First, Mr Cory sold hot chocolate in front of his home in New Jersey. He did well, and he began to sell other things too, like lemonade and cookies. Mr Cory and his mum tried a lot of different recipes for cookies. Then, one day they baked some perfect chocolate chip cookies. Now they bake a lot of different cookies and sell them on his website mrcoryscookies.com. You can also buy them from shops. The cookies are all natural, and Mr Cory and his mum still try the recipes at home before they sell them to customers. Mr Cory also works with organisations that help young people in the United States.



Bella Tipping is Australian. She got the idea for her website while she was on holiday with her family in the US, when she was 12 years old. Bella and her mum talked about their experience. Her mum said the vacation was great. When Bella didn't agree her mum was really surprised. Bella said a lot of things in the hotels and restaurants were for adults not children. The places didn't think about what children wanted or needed. So, Bella started her website called Kidzcationz, where children can post their reviews of hotels and restaurants. Now, when families are planning their holidays and looking for places to stay and eat, they can look at the Kidzcationz website first to see which places are best for children.



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- 3 Read the articles again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why did Cory want his mum to buy a car?
- 2 What did Cory sell before he sold the cookies?
- 3 What kind of cookies did they make first?
- 4 What do Cory and his mum still do?
- 5 How old was Bella when she had the idea for Kidzcationz?
- 6 What surprised Bella's mum after the holiday?
- 7 What was the problem with the hotels and restaurants?
- 8 How can families use Kidzcationz?



TALKING POINTS

Which do you think is a better idea: Mr Cory's Cookies or Kidzcationz? Tell your partner.

VOCABULARY

Phrases with *for*

1 Look at the sentences with *for*.

- EP** Cory sells his cookies **for just over a dollar each**.
 People often buy cookies **for parties**.
 People can order cookies online **for the next day**.
 Cory is well-known **for his website** Mr Cory's Cookies.
 What's British English **for 'cookies'**?

Match the **phrases with *for*** to the meanings:

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|------------------|------------|
| 1 time | 4 occasion |
| 2 the meaning of | 5 reason |
| 3 payment | |

2 Now match the two halves of the sentences.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 People don't pay | a for 'vacation'? |
| 2 Australia is famous | b for her 14th birthday. |
| 3 Let's book a table | c for its beaches and |
| 4 What's another word | amazing countryside. |
| 5 Bella went out with | d for the information on |
| friends | Bella's website. |
| | e for lunch. |

3 Complete the sentences. Use the words and phrases in the box.

entrepreneur its tasty cookies her birthday
 tomorrow two pounds

- How many oranges can I buy for _____?
- I want to buy my sister some jewellery for _____.
- This shop is famous for _____.
- You need to do your English homework for _____, please.
- What's the word in your language for _____?

LISTENING



1 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- Two friends are talking at the shopping centre. Why is the boy at the shopping centre?
 A His computer's not working.
 B He wants to visit a new shop.
 C He always gets his shopping there.
- A boy, Adam, is talking about shopping. What did he buy?
 A some fruit
 B a dog
 C some bread
- A woman is talking to her daughter about a present for her son, Matt. What is the present?
 A something for Matt to wear
 B something that Matt asked for
 C something Matt needs for school
- Two friends are talking at one of the friend's houses. What is the boy doing?
 A He's reading his homework diary.
 B He's looking at websites.
 C He's doing his homework.
- A teacher is talking to the class about a school trip. What is he telling them to do?
 A get to school early
 B bring T-shirts
 C wear warm clothes

WRITING



PREPARE TO WRITE

A story

GET READY You're going to write a story about a problem you had buying something online, beginning with this sentence: *I wanted to buy a _____, so I looked on the internet. I found one on this fantastic website and ...*. Read the story about Chris and his jacket on page 124. Find and underline these words in the story: *after that*, *after* (*two weeks*), (*six days*) *later* and *finally*.

PLAN In your story, you tried to buy something online and there was a problem. Read the questions and make notes.

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| 1 What did you want to buy? Describe it and say why you liked it. | 4 What happened when it arrived? What was wrong with it? |
| 2 How did you buy it? Did you use cash? | 5 What did you do? |
| 3 How long did it take to arrive? | 6 What happened at the end of the story? |

WRITE Write your story in about 50 words. Try to link the events in your story with the words *after that*, *after*, *later* and *finally*. Start with the sentence in *Get ready*.

IMPROVE In pairs, read your own story and your partner's. Check for mistakes. Give your partner two ideas to make their story better. Use your partner's advice and rewrite your story.

UNIT 10

SOME, ANY, A LOT OF, A FEW, A BIT OF

	Countable	Uncountable
Questions	Are there any shops near your house?	Have you got any money ?
Positive	There are some shops over there.	There's some money on the table.
Negative	There aren't any large shops near my house.	I haven't got any money in my purse.
a lot of	My sister's got a lot of earrings .	My mum's got a lot of jewellery .
a few / a bit of	There are a few books on the table.	There's a bit of make-up in the bathroom.

- Countable nouns are nouns for things that we can count. We can use **a/an, the** or a number before them and they can be used in both the singular and the plural.
I bought a leather wallet and two caps in the new shop.
- Uncountable nouns are nouns for things that we can't count. We can't use **a/an** or a number before them and we can't use them in the plural.
My cousin bought some jewellery and some make-up. (not a jewellery, a make-up)

Practice

1 Complete the table with the words in the box.

biscuit cheese earring egg jacket
jewellery juice make-up milk money
photo purse T-shirt wallet

Countable	Uncountable
biscuit	cheese

2 Complete the sentences with **some** or **any**.

- I didn't buy a new wallet because I didn't have _____ money.
- There are _____ new students in my class.
- Were there _____ blue T-shirts in the shop?
- Let's go shopping. I want to buy _____ new clothes.
- That shop hasn't got _____ bread.
- Did you eat _____ cake on your birthday?

3 Complete the sentences with **a lot of**, **a few** or **a bit of**.

- Sally's got a bit of jewellery but not much.
- We've got _____ biscuits. There are three packets here and four packets on that shelf.
- We did well in our test and our teacher only gave us _____ homework – just one exercise.
- I've got _____ good friends – Anna, Karen and Rachel.
- We made sandwiches, pizza, a salad and cakes. There was _____ food at my party!
- The trip is for three days. You only need _____ pairs of socks, not 12 pairs!

4 Choose the correct words to complete the conversation.

- James:** Did you buy ¹a / any clothes in the sales?
- Holly:** Yes, I bought ²any / some sunglasses, ³a / some baseball cap and ⁴a few / a bit of make-up.
- James:** Really! You bought a ⁵lot / few of things. I only bought ⁶a / some wallet.