

CULTURE

SHOPPING

- 1 In pairs, discuss the questions with your partner.
 - 1 Is your home or school near a shopping centre, farmers' market or charity shop?
 - 2 How are small shops and shopping centres different?
- 2 Read about shopping in different countries. Where do you do your shopping?

FACTFILE

Shopping

Shopping is an important part of people's lives. People often want to buy different things at good prices. In English-speaking countries, these types of shops are popular:

- ★ **Charity shops:** People give these shops clothes, books and other things they don't use or want anymore. These shops then sell these things to other people. Charity shops give the money they make to help others.
- ★ **Farmers' markets:** In these markets, farmers sell fruit, vegetables, cheese, honey and other local items.
- ★ **Shopping centres:** These are big, modern buildings with lots of shops and places to eat. In the United States, shopping centres are called 'malls'.

SHOPPING SURVEY

We asked three teens in three different countries 'Where do you do your shopping?'
Here are their answers.



1

Mark, age 14

📍 Seattle, USA

Where: Northgate Mall, near Seattle

Why? I shop at Northgate Mall because there are lots of different stores and places to eat. I like listening to music and there is an excellent choice of **technology** stores in the mall. I also like Northgate Mall because it is near my house and I can walk or cycle there. I don't have a lot of pocket money, but I don't mind because I can look at things in different shops and go **window shopping**!

2

Karen, age 13

📍 Dublin, Ireland

Where: Charity shops on Camden Street, Dublin

Why? I haven't got a lot of pocket money, so I need to shop carefully. Every **penny** counts! One way I save money is shopping at charity shops. I love going shopping in Dublin and I really love Camden Street. Some of the charity shops only have clothes people **donate**, but others have jewellery, other **accessories** and furniture.



3

Darren, age 13

📍 Ta' Qali, Malta

Where: Farmers' Market near Mdina

Why? I love cooking and sometimes I go with my mum and dad to the Ta' Qali Farmers' Market to get fresh fruit and vegetables. The food at the market is from **local** farms and my parents say the prices are great. We buy special Maltese honey at the Farmers' Market for making sweets. I have yoghurt, fruit and honey for breakfast every morning.



3 Match the texts (1–3) in Exercise 2 to the photos (A–C).



4 Read the texts again. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 There are not a lot of technology stores at the mall.
- 2 Mark walks or cycles to the mall.
- 3 Karen likes shopping in Camden Street in Dublin.
- 4 Charity shops only sell clothes.
- 5 The Farmers' Market in Ta' Qali sells food from local farms.
- 6 Darren likes eating honey and yoghurt in the morning.

5 Complete the sentences with the **highlighted** words in the texts.

- 1 When I go to the centre of town, I love going _____. I don't buy anything but I look at lots of products.
- 2 I like buying _____ fruit and vegetables at the Farmers' Market. That way, I help small businesses and farmers from the area.
- 3 I'm taking some clothes to the charity shop to _____ them.
- 4 I love shopping for hats, scarves, sunglasses and other _____.
- 5 I need to save every _____ of my pocket money to buy a concert ticket next month.
- 6 I need a new phone. This afternoon my mum is taking me to a _____ store to see some different phones.



TALKING POINTS

Do you ever shop at any of the places in the survey?
Where is your favourite place to do your shopping? Why?



6 Listen to Gemma talking to two people about shopping. Tick the correct answers.

- 1 Leo likes shopping ...
 - a at charity shops.
 - b at the Farmers' Market.
 - c at the shopping centre.
- 2 Gemma's mum likes shopping ...
 - a at charity shops.
 - b at the Farmers' Market.
 - c at the shopping centre.



7 Listen again and match the two halves of the sentences.

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| 1 Leo is ... | a window shopping at the shopping centre. |
| 2 Leo likes ... | b three times a week. |
| 3 Leo goes shopping ... | c fruit and vegetables. |
| 4 Leo sometimes buys | d music magazines. |
| 5 Gemma's mum goes shopping ... | e 13 years old. |
| 6 She likes ... | f cheese. |
| 7 She always buys ... | g the local products and the prices. |
| 8 Gemma and her dad love ... | h at weekends. |

PROJECT

A survey

In small groups, prepare and carry out a shopping survey.

- Think of five or six questions for your shopping survey.
Ask questions about:
 - Where people shop
 - Why they shop there
 - When they shop
 - What they buy
- Write down the shopping survey questions.
- Compare your questions with another group's questions.
- Ask members of a different group your questions and record the results.
- After school, ask two friends in another class or family members about where they shop.
- Tell the class what you found out.