

Reading

How to stop shopping

I love clothes. I know how to shop and I know when to stop. I can't spend too much money, or my bank could cancel my debit card! However, you can find the best bargains without spending all your money. Here's how...

Firstly, you don't need to shop when you can swap! Organise a swapping party with your friends. Tell them they must bring the clothes they don't wear anymore. Then you exchange your old clothes with other people. It's much cheaper than shopping. You don't need to spend a cent! What's more if you visit bigwardrobe.com, you'll also be able to swap your clothes online.

Secondly, you won't need to buy so many clothes, if you learn to make your own. I remember my mum making clothes which I thought weren't fashionable enough. But knitting is a lot cooler than it was before. New clothes can also be too expensive; we don't always have the money. So why not knit yourself a jumper, hat, or scarf? If you look on youtube.com, you'll find lots of videos which show you how to knit. You can be the most original person at school.

Finally, if you shop at a charity shop, you'll help other people. A charity shop is a shop that sells second-hand things which people donate. The shop gives all the money it makes to charity. A charity is an organisation which helps others. The people who work in these shops are usually volunteers. You can buy clothes at cheap prices. There are also online charity shops like oxfam.org.uk that have a selection of second-hand things for sale.



1 17 Read the text. Circle the correct option.

- 1 The bank could cancel the writer's debit card...
 - a if she spends too much money.
 - b if she loves clothes too much.
 - c if she doesn't spend her money.
- 2 It's possible to find very good bargains...
 - a but you have to spend all your money.
 - b and you don't have to spend all your money.
 - c but not the best bargains.
- 3 Exchanging your clothes with other people...
 - a doesn't cost any money.
 - b is not as cheap as shopping.
 - c is not much fun.
- 4 The writer's mum...
 - a made very fashionable clothes.
 - b bought a lot of clothes.
 - c made clothes that weren't very fashionable.

- 5 You can learn how to knit if...
 - a you are original.
 - b you look at how to knit videos on youtube.com.
 - c you ask your parents.
- 6 If you shop at a charity shop...
 - a the clothes are not expensive.
 - b you can sell second hand things.
 - c you are a volunteer.

2 18 Listen. True (t) or false (f)?

- 1 The father thinks the queues at the checkout are too long. ___
- 2 The daughter used to go to the supermarket with her mother. ___
- 3 The daughter thinks that shopping online is the most convenient way to shop. ___
- 4 The daughter shops on ebay.com and amazon.com. ___
- 5 The mother shops more than the father and the daughter. ___
- 6 The mother thinks her job is boring. ___