

Video UK: Shopping is Great (Part 1) - exercises

London is the shopping capital of the world. But what makes shopping here so great? Join Richard on a shopping trip to find out!

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.


1. Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – g next to the number 1 – 7.

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| 1..... retail heaven | a. hidden, difficult to find |
| 2..... tucked away | b. a really good place to shop, especially one with lots of choice |
| 3..... this very shop | c. a product that is so desirable or fashionable that everyone wants one |
| 4..... upmarket | d. this exact shop (used for dramatic emphasis) |
| 5..... they pride themselves on | e. aimed at customers with lots of money to spend |
| 6..... a must-have | f. a perfect or beautiful example of something |
| 7..... a gem | g. they are proud of |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Millions of tourists shop in London every year. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Knightsbridge is an area where you can buy expensive, luxury goods. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. At Harvey Nichols you can find cheap, high-street fashion. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Richard buys a teddy bear in Hamleys. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Oxford Street has over two kilometres of different shops. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. The big shopping centres in the UK are in London. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Lock's hat shop is easy to find in Piccadilly. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. The staff at Lock's give customers individual attention. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 9. Lock's invented the 'coke hat'. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 10. People wear top hats for upper-class weddings and horse races. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 11. You must keep the 'voyager' in a special hat box. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 12. The country cap with a fastening was originally designed for shooting. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

tucked away	personal	upmarket	retail
must-have	Olympic-sized	open-top	overseas

- Every year millions of _____ visitors shop in London.
- Knightsbridge is famous for _____ shopping.
- London's Oxford Street is _____ heaven.
- Westfield is an _____ shopping centre.
- Lock's hat shop is _____ in the heart of Piccadilly.
- The hat is a _____ in gentlemen's fashion.
- Lock's pride themselves on their _____ service.
- The cap with a fastening was invented for travelling in _____ cars.

Discussion

Do you like shopping?

What are the differences between shopping in London and shopping where you live?