


**SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 5**  
**UNIT 9: CONSUMERISM**

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**HOW DO YOU  
SPEND YOUR  
LEISURE TIME?**





**SHOPPING**







NEW COLLECTION

UP TO 50% OFF  
DESIGNER'S CHOICE COLLECTION  
**SHOP NOW**

BRANDS

PREMIUM Credit  
1234 5678 9012 3  
07/20

Your Basket

White shirt dress	12	100
White silk blouse	1	150
Black and white dress	1	180
Black leather shoes	1	120



# ONLINE SHOPPING



**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which do you prefer: going to the shops or shopping online? Why?
- 2 Who do you prefer shopping with: your family, your friends, or by yourself? Why?
- 3 Do you regard shopping as a pleasure or a chore?



**DO YOU SPEND  
YOUR MONEY  
WISELY?**



**A PERSON WHO SPENDS MONEY IN AN  
EXTRAVAGANT, IRRESPONSIBLE WAY?**





**SPENDTHRIFT: A PERSON WHO SPENDS MONEY  
IN AN EXTRAVAGANT, IRRESPONSIBLE WAY?**







**HOW CAN WE  
SPEND OUR  
MONEY WISELY?**

2 **VOCABULARY** Read the shopping guide and replace the words in blue (1–15) with the correct form of the verbs below.

1 *ripped off*

**Shopping: verbs** afford budget get into debt haggle knock down  
overcharge overspend pick up ~~rip off~~ shop around snap up splash out

# Savvy shopping

Four ways to go on a shopping spree without being **1charged** too much for low-quality products or ending up penniless!

## 1 Make a plan

Write a list before you go and don't buy anything that isn't on it. That way, you will avoid coming home with a lot of things you don't need. **2Make a spending plan** for how much you can **3let yourself spend** and don't **4spend more money than you planned**. Pay in cash and leave your plastic at home so you don't **5end up owing money**.

## 2 Compare

Check online comparison sites to find the lowest available price. **6Compare the prices of goods in different shops in order to find the best price**. Don't be tempted to **7buy** a product quickly because it seems cheap, as you might find it cheaper somewhere else. If you're feeling lazy, scan the product bar code with a comparison app to see if you can get a better deal. Finally, when you pay for something, always check your change to make sure you haven't been **8charged too much**.

## 3 Try something different

Go to shops that you wouldn't normally visit or go to markets. You might **9buy** some real bargains and even manage to **10reduce** the price if you try to **11negotiate** with the stallholder.

## 4 Choose the right friend

Shop with a friend who will be honest with you about what you want to buy. Avoid going with friends who will encourage you to **12spend a lot of money** on things you don't need.



3 **SPEAKING** In pairs, discuss the advice in the shopping guide. Do you agree with it? Can you think of another piece of advice to add?

4 **VOCABULARY** Complete the guide to online shopping with the nouns below.

Online shopping basket checkout delivery items notifications reviews track wish list



When shopping online, add <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that interest you to your <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. This will give you time to read opinions about the products in online <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to see if they're really worth buying. When you add the item to the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, remember that the price shown rarely includes the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cost so it might not be such a bargain. Transport costs will not be added until you get to the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. When you have bought the product, the seller might send you regular <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that inform you about delivery to your house, or you can go to the website and <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the progress of your order.




**5 SPEAKING** In pairs, discuss how often you use the internet for shopping. Do you use comparison sites to compare prices? What type of things do you buy?





**BARGAIN**



**6**  **4.02** Listen to four people talking about bargains they have bought. Match the opinions (A–E) with speakers 1–4. There is one extra opinion.

- A I've always wanted one, but this is something that I couldn't afford in a normal shop. \_\_\_\_
- B People have become more familiar with this brand since I bought it. \_\_\_\_
- C This product is still in good condition, but I won't be able to use it any more. \_\_\_\_
- D This was very cheap when I bought it, but the price has risen. \_\_\_\_
- E It was quite expensive, but I've had it for a long time and it has been a good purchase. \_\_\_\_



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ADSTEEL





**THEY'VE BEEN WAITING HERE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR!**





**RECYCLE!** Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

We use the present perfect simple and the present perfect continuous to say how long a current situation or action has been in progress.

*I've lived here since 2014.*

*I've been watching this programme for two hours.*

We do not use state verbs (*have, want, like, believe, etc.*) in the present perfect continuous form.

7  **4.02** Read the **Recycle!** box. Then listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why does the first speaker think his purchase was worth paying more for?
- 2 How do we know the second speaker really loves her leather jacket?
- 3 Why is the third speaker surprised that his mobile phone battery is still 75% charged?
- 4 Why does the fourth speaker think her trainers were a bargain?



**8 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions about bargains. Then, think of two more questions to ask your partner.

- What was the last bargain that you picked up?
- How much did it cost?
- How long have you had it?
- Why do you consider it a bargain?
- Would you recommend the product to other people? Why?

**ASSIGNMENT:  
WORKBOOK 9A  
VOCABULARY BUILDER**

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY**