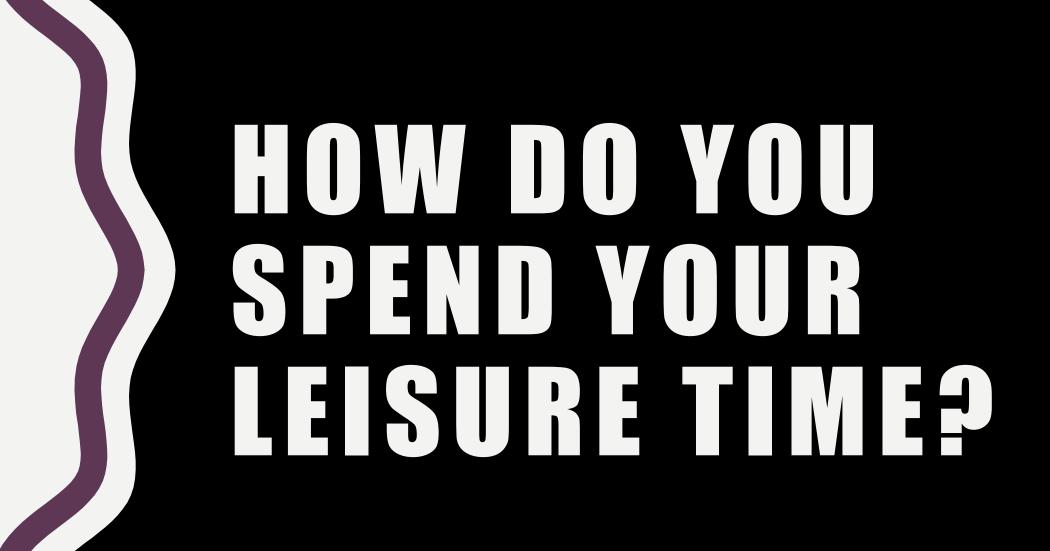
SOLUTIONS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE 5 UNIT 9: CONSUMERISM 9A

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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?









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 'charged 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 *buy some real bargains and even manage to *oreduce the price if you try to *negotiate 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 1		that interest
you to your 2	This will give	you time to read
opinions about the products in online 3 to		
see if they're really worth buying. When you add the item		
to the 4	_, remember that th	ne price shown
rarely includes the 5_	cost	so it might not be
such a bargain. Transport costs will not be added until		
you get to the 6	When yo	u have bought
the product, the seller might send you regular		
7 that i	that inform you about delivery to your	
house, or you can go to the website and 8		
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?





- 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. ___







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.

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