

New Mall

Rebecca talks about the new shopping mall that opened in her town.



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Comprehension Page

Main Points: Answer the following questions about the interview.

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a) She likes it.
b) It is not that nice.
c) It is too far away. | 3) What types of stores do they have?
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| 2. a juice bar | ___ first day of a business |
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| 4. from what I can see | ___ not sure but I think so |
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Unscramble: Put the mixed up sentences in the correct order.

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Discussion: Can you remember how Rebecca and Todd answered the above questions?

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Listen online to check your answers

What do you think?

Discussion

1. Do you like to go shopping?
2. What would you order at a juice bar?
3. What kinds of shops do you usually go to?
4. What stores have the best bargains?
5. What is more important, quality or price?
6. What would you buy if you had \$1000?
7. What do you hate about malls?

Write the number of the question being answered

Mark - USA

I can't stand shopping. I get impatient after about 5 seconds. My girlfriend knows not to take me shopping with her because I whine and complain the whole time.

Chae - Thailand

I think that in the long run, if you buy things that are more expensive you end up saving money because if you buy the cheapest things they are going to wear out much faster than well-made products and you are going to have to buy new ones.

Klara - Sweden

If I pass by a book shop, I can't resist going in. It's really a bad habit because I buy so many books that I never read.

Leon - South Africa

Right after Christmas is the best time to get stuff for really cheap but I have a big family and I am so tired of shopping for presents that I wouldn't go back to any of those shopping centers even if everything was free and you paid me to do it.

Write about one of the questions above:

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