

# Shopping

Rebecca talks about her shopping preferences and an item she bought.

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## Comprehension Page

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**Main Points:** Answer the following questions about the interview.

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| 1) How often does Rebecca go shopping? | 3) What does she say about her jacket?      |
| a) Once a month                        | a) It was on sale.                          |
| b) Three times a month                 | b) She just bought it.                      |
| c) Once every three months             | c) It was expensive.                        |
| 2) What is most important to her?      | 4) What does she say about online shopping? |
| a) The latest fashion                  | a) She does it often.                       |
| b) Comfortable clothes                 | b) She buys tops, shoes and shirts.         |
| c) Bargains                            | c) She prefers going to stores.             |
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**Phrase Match:** Match the phrases on the left with the example on the right.

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| 1. in the mood       | ___ I do my best                       |
| 2. try to stay hip   | ___ it's hard to say                   |
| 3. a bargain shopper | ___ feeling of wanting to do something |
| 4. I try to be       | ___ only shops for discounted items    |
| 5. you never know    | ___ follow current fashion trends      |
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**Unscramble:** Put the mixed up sentences in the correct order.

1. doing | you enjoy | is | something | shopping | ?
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2. do | the fashions | you | usually follow | ?
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3. online | any clothes | bought | have you ever | ?
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4. shop online | don't | you | so how come | ?
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**Discussion:** Can you remember how Rebecca answered the above questions?

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## What do you think?

| Discussion   | Write the number of the question being answered   |  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How often do you go clothes shopping?</li> <li>2. Do you try to stay hip?</li> <li>3. Are you a bargain shopper?</li> <li>4. What are the pros and cons of online shopping?</li> <li>5. Have you ever bought anything online?</li> <li>6. What is your opinion of sales people?</li> <li>7. Is it hard for you to buy clothes that fit?</li> </ol> | <p><u>    </u> <b>John</b> - Australia</p> <p>I have humongous feet and at the moment, I live and work in Asia so it is really hard to find size 12. Every time I go back home for vacation I buy 3 or 4 pairs of shoes to bring back with me. Unfortunately, they fill up a whole bag.</p> | <p><u>    </u> <b>Antony</b> - Sweden</p> <p>I know that it is becoming more and more popular but I just don't like sharing my credit card information over the internet. There are so many hackers and thieves out there that I can't trust it.</p> |
|  | <p><u>    </u> <b>Maria</b> - Italy</p> <p>I was surprised when I took a trip to the US about how casual people dress. Where I am from, if you don't make yourself look nice, people respect you less. I can't imagine going out wearing sweat pants.</p>                                   | <p><u>    </u> <b>Taka</b> - Japan</p> <p>I'm not shy to admit that I go to used clothing stores for most of my clothes. Most of the clothing is almost as good as new. Why pay twice the price?</p>   |

**Write about one of the questions above:**



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