

Progress Check Unit 6

Vocabulary

1. Complete the blog with the words and phrases below.

consumerism • pastime • overpriced
make an effort • afford • doing their best
brands • pay their bills

Which country do you think has the most fashion-conscious teens: the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil or Britain? According to a recent survey, the answer is Britain, where teens' favourite ¹ seems to be shopping for clothes. In response to the survey's question of what they would continue to buy even if they couldn't ² it, British teens, more than teens in other countries, chose new clothes. And they are ³ to prove that they mean it. Estimates are that British teens spent over £130 million a week during the summer of 2009 – and a good portion of that was on clothing and fashion accessories. Furthermore, other reports have shown that ⁴ are important to British teens, as is being the first to buy the latest styles, even if these fashion items are ⁵ Some teens ⁶ with earnings from part-time jobs, but in most cases, parents end up paying as well. Perhaps that's why our kids never ⁷ to spend less! I think it's time that we stopped supporting our children's dedication to ⁸ !

2. Choose the correct answer.

1. The groceries were expensive this week. They snapped up / came to / carried £85!
2. Some people stock up on / splurge on / exchange bottled water for an emergency.
3. Suzanne's bought a lot of sports debts / gear / belongings over the years.
4. Everything in the shop was on sale / out of bounds / going out of business, so I spent less than I thought I would.
5. My brother is sometimes nagged / picked out / teased because he's not good at football.
6. Some theatres give out / shop around / get rid of coupons for cheap seats.

Grammar

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I (not have) enough cash for the film tonight, you (lend) me some?
2. I wish I (live) in a big city. Living in the country is boring.
3. Jenny (be) tired when she (arrive) tomorrow morning.
4. I wish I (not sell) my motorcycle for so little money. If only I (wait) for a better offer!

4. Rewrite the sentences with the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning of the sentences. There may be more than one correct answer.

1. It's a pity you can't come to the bonfire! (if only)
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2. It's too bad I didn't take more photos of the street markets. (I wish)
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3. You won't be able to live within your budget if you don't become more price conscious. (unless)
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4. I didn't meet my friends last night because I was too tired to go out. (if)
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Writing

5. Paraphrase the sentence below. Use the words provided, and make any necessary changes.

Shopaholism, a growing problem around the world, affects mainly women, approximately ten per cent of whom are currently estimated to suffer from the condition.

shopaholism • on the rise • affecting
approximately • ten per cent of women • globally