

# 1.2 Why spending's #trending

## Vocabulary spending

1 Match special offers 1-4 to types of shops a-d.

1  **Half-price**   
on all frozen meals range  
\*limit of 5 identical items per customer

2 **Two for the price of one**  
on all titles with yellow stickers

3 Great meal **deals** for families  
See separate menu

4 **40% discount**  
on men's and children's wear

- a Book shop \_\_\_                      c Supermarket 1  
b Clothes shop \_\_\_                    d Restaurant \_\_\_

2 Match the words in bold in exercise 1 to the definitions.

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| 1 products   | <u>items</u> |
| 2 a reduction in the price                         | _____        |
| 3 you pay for one item and receive two of the same | _____        |
| 4 a person who buys products or services           | _____        |
| 5 you pay 50% of the original price                | _____        |
| 6 special negotiations in certain conditions       | _____        |

3 Read the text about shopping holidays and choose the best options to complete the text.

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| 1 a <u>discount</u> | b shopping  | c consumer       |
| 2 a shopping        | b offer     | c shopper        |
| 3 a special offer   | b deal      | c item           |
| 4 a purchases       | b customers | c discounts      |
| 5 a half-price      | b purchases | c special offers |
| 6 a half-price      | b bargains  | c consumers      |
| 7 a Deals           | b Items     | c Shoppers       |
| 8 a half-price      | b bargain   | c offer          |
| 9 a offers          | b consumers | c purchases      |

## Shopping Holidays

People usually travel for different reasons: to relax, to visit historical places or to get a suntan. But more and more people now travel the world looking for a good <sup>1</sup> a ! Here are some top <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_ destinations around the world:

**Hong Kong** It's considered the best place in East Asia to make a good <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_, but be careful with the shop assistants, who can persuade even the most experienced <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_ to buy something they don't really want or need!

**Madrid** You can find <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_ in more than 50,000 shops around town, but don't miss *El Rastro*, an enormous street market with lots of amazing <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_.

**Mexico** <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_ from around the world come here to buy very cheap, but high-quality, hand-made goods.

**Bangkok** The secret of its huge outdoor markets is to bargain with the sellers. Never accept the first price and you can even get a product <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_!

One last tip: Just make sure you have room for all your <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_ in your luggage!



## Grammar state verbs

- 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- I believe we buy far more than we really need.
- My family has \_\_\_\_\_ this business for over thirty years.
- This pasta \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic! You must give me the recipe.
- I don't know him very well, but he \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly.
- I really don't \_\_\_\_\_ why people need to buy a new mobile phone when their old one works fine.

- 5 Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete the sentences.

- I want / 'm wanting to buy a new laptop.
- I know / 'm knowing a lot about economics.
- I spend / 'm spending a lot of money eating in restaurants at the moment because I haven't got time to cook.
- I have / 'm having a really hard time with this maths exercise. Can you help me?
- I never buy / 'm never buying things on impulse. I always make a shopping list and only buy what's on it.
- I see / 'm seeing a lot of shops on my way to work.

- 6 Are these sentences always true (A) or are they only true now (N)?

- Freshly cut grass smells great! A
  - I smell smoke. Did you turn off the oven? N
- I don't understand much about chemistry. \_\_\_
  - I don't understand what you're saying. \_\_\_
- I love this jacket! You should definitely buy it. \_\_\_
  - I love autumn - it's wonderful. \_\_\_
- What do you mean by 'we have a problem'? \_\_\_
  - What does this word mean? \_\_\_
- I have a cousin who looks like Rafael Nadal. \_\_\_
  - You look exhausted. Bad day at work? \_\_\_

- 7 Read this leaflet about compulsive buying. Find and correct four more mistakes related to state verbs.

## Are you a shopaholic?

- The number of shopaholics is increasing all over the world. Psychologists now <sup>understand</sup> ~~are understanding~~ the reasons for this behaviour better, and have identified seven important signs:
- You're always buying items you aren't needing.
  - You don't unpack your purchases but keep them in their boxes with the price tag on.
  - You're wanting to go shopping every day and feel anxious if you don't.
- You're hiding your shopping from family and friends.
  - You feel excited when you're shopping.
  - You feel bad the next day because you're knowing you shouldn't go shopping all the time.
- An argument or disappointment makes you want to shop.

## What to do

- If these sentences are seeming true for you, you might be a compulsive shopper. There are lots of things you can do to shop less: find a new activity, stop going to shopping centres, and don't carry credit cards when you go out - only a little cash. You can also receive help from your local support group.

### I can ...

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talk about spending.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
talk about states, thoughts and feelings.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>