5. Shopping

The most comfortable way of shopping is if you go to a big supermarket. You can buy everything, not just food, but electronic devices, books, magazines, cosmetics, plants, bicycles etc. There are wider choices of products. It's self-service which means you choose the product you will buy. You don't have to hurry, you can study all the products. However the supermarkets have disadvantages. They can be crowded, especially at the weekends and it's hard to find a shop assistant. There can be a lack of different products.

Women like going to the market place, because you can get fresh fruit and vegetables there, also home-made products, like cheese or sausages. You can talk to the sales men-or women and bargain over prices. They can be cheaper than supermarkets. There's a wider choice of vegetables and fruits.

If you go to a big supermarket, you just take a shopping cart or a basket. You walk from shelf to shelf and collect the things you need into the basket. When you have all the necessary things in your basket, you go to the cashier and pay in cash or by credit card.

In a small shop there aren't too many people. You may know the shop assistant who is friendlier than in a supermarket. Shops are usually cleaner than supermarkets, but they tend to be more expensive and there isn't a wide choice of goods.

The biggest supermarket near my town is Penny Market. We usually go to this supermarket once or twice a month. My mom sometimes goes to the market on Sundays.

Online shopping can be unsafe, but there are some advantages. You can save time and efforts, this is more comfortable, there are lower prices and good discounts and we can compare various models/brands. But the online payments aren't much secured. The rate of cyber crimes has been increasing, so customers have to be careful in revealing their personal information. And quality of products are not assured many times and there are problems with refund policy on many sites.

I live in \_\_\_\_\_ and there is a post office. We can pay checks or mail letters. Many people buy instant lottery tickets here. And also we can send a letter or a parcel. If you want to send a letter, you have to write some things on the envelope. For example the sender and the addressee and you have to put a stamp on it.