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TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION



Online shopping is the process of buying goods and services from merchants who sell on the Internet. Since the emergence of the World Wide Web, merchants have sought to sell their products to people who surf the Internet. Shoppers can visit web stores from the comfort of their homes and shop as they sit in front of the computer.

Consumers buy a variety of items from online stores. In fact, people can purchase just about anything from companies that provide their products online. Books, clothing, household appliances, toys, hardware, software, and health insurance are just some of the hundreds of products consumers can buy from an online store.

Many people choose to conduct shopping online because of the convenience. For example, when a person shops at a brick-and-mortar store, she has to drive to the store, find a parking place, and walk throughout the store until she locates the products she needs. After finding the items she wants to purchase, she may often need to stand in long lines at the cash register.

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SHOPING ONLINE

In contrast, online shopping helps consumers avoid these disadvantages. With online shopping, a person logs onto the Internet, visits the store's website, and chooses the items she desires. The items are held in a virtual shopping cart until she is ready to make her purchase. The shopper can remain in her pyjamas as she does her shopping, and the process can be conducted in the wee hours of the morning or late into the night. Online stores never close - they're open 24 hours a day.

Despite the convenience of online shopping, not everyone chooses to purchase items and services online. Some people like the idea of physically going to a store and experiencing the shopping process. They like to touch the merchandise, try on clothing, and be around other people. Online shopping doesn't permit shoppers to touch products or have any social interaction. It also doesn't allow them to take the merchandise home the same day they buy it.

Other people may worry about shopping online because they fear their credit card information will be compromised. Since it's necessary to provide credit card information when purchasing products online, people worry they may become the victims of identity theft. This discourages some consumers from participating in online shopping.

Another reason some consumers avoid shopping online is the fact that they worry that the products they purchase are not accurately portrayed in the website's picture. They worry that the picture of the item may appear one way, but the actual item may look completely different - perhaps of lesser quality. It's also impossible to try on apparel when conducting online shopping.

A consumer has to rely on body measurements in order to make sure the clothing will fit properly. If the clothing arrives in the mail and it's too small, the consumer has to return the item. This is a potential inconvenience that some shoppers may not wish to face.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

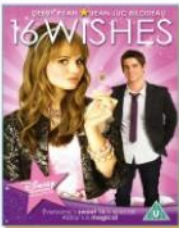
1. Is online shopping both cheap and convenient to you? Do you ever do your shopping online? What kind of goods on the Internet do you usually go shopping for?
2. Can you list some prestigious online stores or e-commerce websites? How about methods of payment: in advance, by cheque, or in cash?
3. Which one do you prefer, e-shopping every week or doing a weekly shop at a supermarket or a traditional market?
4. Cheapest are dearest, or, say, cheap things are no good, do you think so?
5. How can we buy goods and services at the right price (or at a reasonable price) over the Internet?
6. Are women more skillful at making a bargain with a seller than men are, or vice versa?
7. Have you ever been cheated when having transactions or doing the shopping online?
8. Which of the following do you consider most when going online-shopping?
 - The best price
 - A better variety of goods
 - Comparing prices
 - No limit of choices
 - Saving not only money but also time
 - Purchased items delivered at the doorstep
 - No driving around to stores
 - No paying for gas and parking.
9. Can you please translate the Vietnamese saying, "Vắng mợ thì chợ vẫn đông," into English?

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PROVERB OF THE WEEK

After Rain Comes Fair Weather
(Sau cơn mưa, trời lại sáng)

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MOVIE SHOWS

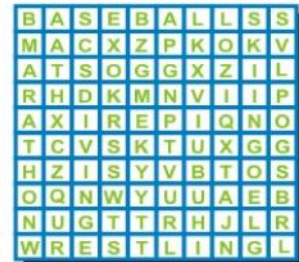
16 Wishes



This is a spellbinding comedy about what happens when a young girl, by the name of Abby, gets a total of sixteen wishes granted for her sixteenth birthday, after she is gifted with magical candles from a beautiful and bubbly birthday fairy. But as always, there is a catch, none of the wishes on her list can be changed and none of them can be undone. Eventually Abby's wishing gets out of control and her entire life is turned upside down, leaving Abby and her best friend Jay with only one chance of making things right again as they learn their biggest lesson of all, to be careful what you wish for - really, really careful! As things can end up darn right cruel.

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PUZZLE

WORD SEARCH



FRUITS	PHONETIC TRANSCRIPTION	MEANINGS
Grapefruit	/ˈɡreɪfru:t/	Bưởi
Lemon	/ˈlemən/	Chanh
Orange	/ˈɔːrɪndʒ/	Cam
Rambutan	/ræmˈbuːtn/	Chôm chôm
Strawberry	/ˈstrɔːberi/	Dâu tây
Watermelon	/ˈwɔːtərmelən/	Dưa hấu
Pineapple	/ˈpaɪnæpl/	Dứa
Coconut	/ˈkəʊkənʌt/	Dừa
Peach	/pi:tʃ/	Đào
Papaya	/pəˈpaɪə/	Đu đủ
Persimmon	/pərˈsɪmən/	Hồng
Pear	/per/	Lê
Pomegranate	/ˈpɒmɪgræniːt/	Lựu
Star fruit	/stɑːr fru:t/	Khế
Plum	/plʌm/	Mận
Mangosteen	/ˈmæŋ ɡæstiːn/	Mãng cụt
Tamarind fruit	/ˈtæməriːnd fru:t/	Me
Custard apple	/ˈkʌstərd ˈæpl/	Na

It was the day of the big sale. Rumors of the sale and some advertising in the local paper were the main reason for the long line that formed by 9:00, the store's opening time, in front of the store.

An elderly man pushed his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colorful curse. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, and knocked around a bit, and then thrown at the end of the line again. As he got up, he said to the person at the end of the line,

- "That does it! If they hit me one more time, I won't open the store!"



I Say Gold

(Marc Lovime - Gunther Thomas - Wim Claes)

Walking through the streets. Sometime there's a stranger in my town. Wait 'til April and I meet. Wear my silken shirts and gowns. Karaoke I sing. Balance my yang with my yin. When I say I love to follow eastern winds.

[Chorus:] You think yellow, I say gold. It's the color of my real skin. I am young but I am told. That my history flows within. You think yellow, I say gold. Feel the current of Red river. Through my soul. You think yellow, I say gold.

Draw my thoughts in China ink. On my paper made of rice. I am shy in the begin. When a boy gives me the eye. Karaoke I sing. Balance my yang with my yin. When I say I love to follow eastern winds.

[Chorus: x1]...Oh red river take me home. Feel the current through my soul.

[Chorus: x2] ...You think yellow, I say gold...Flow red river through my soul...Oh, red river take me home...

Và Em Đã Biết Mình Yêu

(Phuong Uyên)

Tình yêu của anh đã đến cho em bỗng vui, cho em bỗng cười, cho em biết rằng. Em đã biết rằng, chẳng còn gì đẹp hơn khi yêu. Và em đã biết mình yêu.

Anh đã đến như cơn mưa tưới mát lên cho đời em một màu xanh mới. Phút giây mình tình cờ trông thấy nhau như bắt đầu. Một chuyện tình như mơ cho em biết ngẩn ngơ. Biết thần thờ để em bỗng ngu ngơ. Em đã yêu. Con tim nhẹ nhàng vui sướng.

[ĐK:] Tình yêu của anh đã đến cho em bỗng vui, cho em bỗng cười cho em biết rằng, em đã biết rằng, chẳng còn gì đẹp hơn khi yêu. Thật bồi hồi khi anh nói yêu, khi anh nắm tay, khi anh khẽ nhìn. Như nắng mai, rất nhẹ nhàng làm em ngây ngất. Và em đã biết mình yêu...na..na..na..Và em đã biết mình yêu...na..na..na..Và em đã biết mình yêu.

Em đã yêu thật nhiều và đã yêu thật rồi. Vẫn có những lúc ngơ như thiếu anh, thì em sẽ buồn biết mấy, mong anh bên em mãi người đời.

[ĐK: x1]