

TEXTO

ONLINE SHOPPING FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE?

The internet has revolutionized the way we shop. More and more people these days prefer buying things online over the conventional method of going into stores.

Online shops give us the opportunity to shop 24/7, cheap deals and better prices are available online, because products come to you direct from the manufacturer or seller without involving middlemen.

The choices online are amazing. You can find almost any brand or item you're looking for. You can get in on the latest international trends and you can shop from retailers in other parts of the country or even the world instead of being limited to your own geography.

Nevertheless, there are also some disadvantages we need to take into consideration: if you do all your business online, you'll never have to leave your home. This might be great for a while, but sometimes, you might want to go outside, breathe some fresh air, get a change of scenery, talk to real people, participate in your community, and just be a part of the crowd. Sometimes, a computer monitor can't compete with a real human connection.

In a store, there's usually someone to help you but online, you're on your own. If you're confused or have questions, it's just too bad for you. You might have to make blind purchases and mistakes you'll regret later because there was no one to talk to.

(Adapted from © <https://toughnickel.com/frugal-living/Online-shopping-sites-benefits>)

Cuestiones

CUESTIÓN 1ª (2 puntos).

According to the text, are the statements below TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)? Put a cross (X) in the right column:

	T	F
1.1 These days people are buying more things online than before	X	
1.2 Online shops are open all the time	X	
1.3 There is more variety when you shop online	X	
1.4 If you do all your business online, you will participate more in your community		X
1.5 There is always somebody to talk to when you buy online		X

CUESTIÓN 2ª (2 puntos).

Match the synonym of the words below with a word from the box:

BUY	IMPRESSIVE	NORMALLY	TAKE PART	TRADITIONAL
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2.1. CONVENTIONAL (Paragraph 1) **TRADITIONAL**

2.2. AMAZING (Paragraph 3) **IMPRESSIVE**

2.3. SHOP (Paragraph 3) **BUY**

2.4. PARTICIPATE (Paragraph 4) **TAKE PART**

2.5. USUALLY (Paragraph 5) **NORMALLY**

CUESTIÓN 3ª (2 puntos).

Fill the gaps in 3.a) and 3.b):

3. a) Complete the text with a suitable verb form:

Judy Nemeth **lives** (3.1) (live) in Helmsley, and **runs** (3.2) (run) a fashion shop. Usually, she **works** (3.3) (work) in her shop all day but this week she **is visiting** (3.4) (visit) an important clothing manufacturer in York. They want **to talk** (3.5) (talk) about a new line of menswear for next summer.

3. b) Complete the following sentences with one word:

- The bakery near my house opens **at** (3.6) 7.30 in the morning.
- Last week, I went **to** (3.7) the shopping centre to buy a present **for** (3.8) my sister.
- Online shopping is faster **than** (3.9) going to the supermarket.
- This is the webpage **where** (3.10) I bought my computer.

CUESTIÓN 4ª (2 puntos).

Complete the conversation below with the sentences/ phrases from the box:

Didn't you find it expensive there?	Hey, where did you buy this dress from?	How much did this cost you?
So cheap! Was it on sale?	Wow! I think I am going to buy one too.	

TRICIA: 4.1. Hey, where did you buy this dress from?

SARAH: I ordered it on www.thisisbargain.com

TRICIA: 4.2. [Didn't you find it expensive there?](#)

SARAH: No, not at all. It has some great deals!

TRICIA: 4.3. [How much did this cost you?](#)

SARAH: Just £12

TRICIA: 4.4. [So cheap! Was it on sale?](#)

SARAH: Yes, I got a 20% reduction on the price.

TRICIA: 4.5. [Wow! I think I am going to buy one too.](#)

CUESTIÓN 5ª (2 puntos).

Write a composition (70-90 words) talking about your shopping habits. Do not forget to mention:

- How often you go shopping
- Where you usually go shopping
- What you usually buy when you go shopping
- How often you shop online
- What kinds of things you buy online

Se valorará la organización y coherencia textual (0.5 puntos), la riqueza léxica (0.5 puntos), la riqueza gramatical (0.5 puntos) y la ortografía (0.5 puntos). (Total: 2 puntos). Si la expresión escrita no se ajusta al tema, la puntuación será de 0 puntos. En el caso de que no llegue al mínimo número de palabras exigido (70 palabras) o se exceda del máximo (90 palabras), la puntuación máxima será de 1 punto.

I do not shop too often, maybe once or twice a month. I usually go to nearby supermarkets or local stores for groceries and basic household items. When I go shopping, I mainly pick up fruits, vegetables, canned goods, and things like shampoo and toothpaste. I shop online occasionally, usually for things like electronics, books, or sometimes clothes. It is convenient, and I like that I can find a wide variety of things, but I still prefer going to the store for most of my everyday needs.