



Unit 10 Second-hand shopping

International cultural knowledge – Charity shops

- 1 Look at the layout of the text, the heading and the photo. What kind of text do you think it is?

- a an announcement for a clothes shop
- b an article about fashion
- c an advertisement for unpaid work

- 2 Read the text and check your answer to 1.



Your Local Charity Shop Needs Your Help!

1 What can you buy in charity shops?

Charity shops sell second-hand things that people have donated. You can buy clothes, CDs, DVDs, books, computer games, and lots of things at bargain prices. You can always find something unusual to wear – they're great places to find a fancy dress costume!

2 Some facts about charity shops:

Every week, more than 110,000 people volunteer to work for UK charity shops. Volunteers raise almost £100 million a year. Charity shops always need young, enthusiastic volunteers with new ideas. Why not become a volunteer and help a charity of your choice?

3 Can anyone volunteer and do they need to be trained?

Yes, volunteering is for everyone! If you have some spare time and energy, you are welcome to work in a charity shop. You will be taught what to do, so no qualifications are needed.

4 What are the advantages of volunteering?

You'll meet lots of different people and have fun making new friends. You'll be a member of a team doing useful work. You will learn different skills that you might need in the future such as communication and teamwork skills. Volunteering in a shop will look good on your CV.

5 What will I have to do?

What are you good at? If you love clothes, then organising clothes will be interesting for you. If you're thinking of a career in retailing, then helping the customers, putting on price labels, or working on the cash desk will be useful experience for you.

6 How much time would I be expected to work for?

Most shops only ask their volunteers for a regular half-day session per week. If you're only free at weekends, that's not a problem. Most shops are open on Saturday and Sunday. Interested? Why not try it out? There's a charity shop that needs you today!

Volunteer NOW!

WORD BOOSTER

Match the words and definitions.

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| 1 raise | a someone who works for free / to work for free |
| 2 retailing | b give money to an organisation to help them |
| 3 donate | c very good value for money |
| 4 volunteer | d collect money for a particular purpose |
| 5 bargain | e selling to the public in shops |

- 3 Choose the best answers.

- 1 Charity shops are places where
 - a mainly used things are sold.
 - b people work for very little money.
 - c customers donate bargains.
- 2 Over 110,000 is the number of
 - a people who work for nothing in UK charity shops.
 - b pounds raised by workers in charity shops.
 - c charity shops there are in the UK.

- 3 Young volunteers can learn new skills by
 - a making friends.
 - b working in a team.
 - c valuing their employers.

- 4 Most shops need volunteers to work
 - a at least once a week.
 - b at weekends.
 - c in half-day sessions.

- 4 Find the sentences in the text that answer the following FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).

- 1 Can I volunteer if I'm still at school and have no qualifications?
- 2 What will I get from this that will help me find a real job in the future?
- 3 Can I find something to wear for a fancy dress party here?

- 5 Answer the questions.

- 1 How many charities can you name?
- 2 Describe ways that charities raise money in your country.
- 3 What do you think you would like or dislike about working in a charity shop?