

4.6 Speaking

Making and justifying choices

I can evaluate options and justify choices.

- 1 In pairs, look at two ways of shopping for food and answer the questions.

- What are the pluses and minuses of each option?
- If you were university students doing your own food shopping, which option would you prefer? Why?



- 2 **CD-2.18 MP3-71** Listen to Emma and Oscar discussing the options above. Do they mention any of the pluses and minuses you discussed in Exercise 1?
- 3 **CD-2.18 MP3-71** Complete the **SPEAKING FOCUS** with the words in the box. Then listen again and check.

but choice choose compare
likely opt reason simply

SPEAKING FOCUS

Comparing and contrasting options

(Going to the market) is ... ¹ _____ (shopping online) is ...

X is the only one/option that ...

When you ² _____ the two/X and Y, ...

It is (much) more ³ _____ that ...

X is definitely the cheaper/better/more suitable option.

Choosing an option and justifying the choice

That's why I'd ⁴ _____ for X.

... and therefore, it's probably/clearly the best ⁵ _____.

The main/Another ⁶ _____ (that X would be my choice) is that ...

I prefer X mainly/⁷ _____ because ...

This option is (clearly) the most/least + adjective ... because ...

Explaining reasons for rejecting other options

X might (require less effort), but I wouldn't ⁸ _____ it because ...

X isn't the best choice if you consider ...

The reason I wouldn't go for/pick/choose X is because ...

- 4 In your opinion, which of these is the best place to shop?

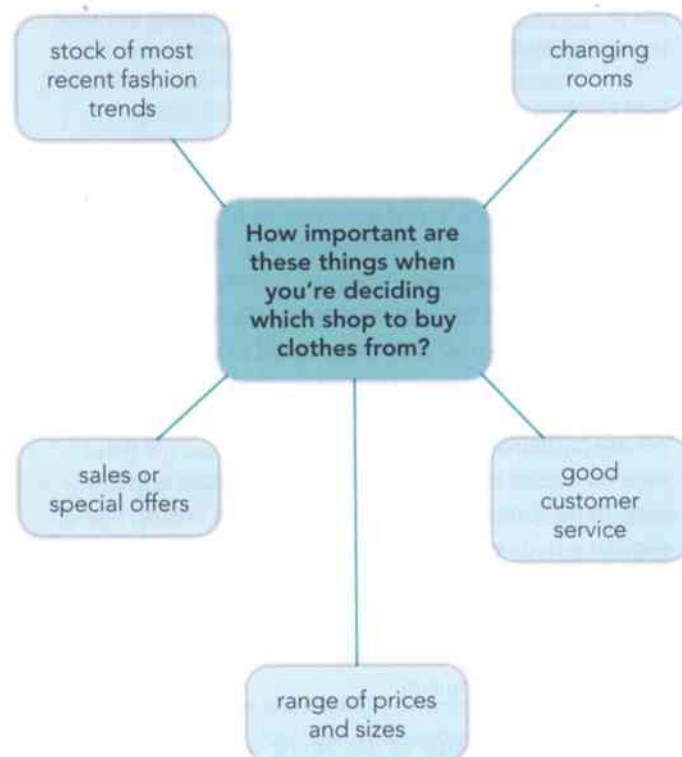
- shopping mall
- online auction
- high street shop
- charity shop
- street market
- car boot sale

- 5 Complete the sentences about places to shop using the words in brackets.

- It is _____ (likely) that you can find what you want in a shopping mall.
- I _____ (opt) the charity shop because you can help other people.
- The _____ (reason/not pick) the online auction is because you can end up paying more than you had planned!
- If you want something unusual and cheap, a street market _____ (definitely/better) option.
- A high street shop _____ (clearly/best) place to go shopping if you're looking for good quality.
- A charity shop _____ (not/best/choice/consider) the quality of the things there.

- 6 In pairs, complete the speaking task. Use the **SPEAKING FOCUS** to help you.

Here are some things that can influence people when they are choosing where to buy clothes. Talk to each other about how important these things are when you're deciding which shop to buy clothes from.



Now decide which of these things is most important when you are deciding where to buy clothes.