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Category: Slovakia / Bratislava / Shopping mall
Level: Intermediate / Upper intermediate

EXERCISES

1. Shopping: When do you go shopping? Is this food shopping or clothes shopping or another? What other shopping do you do? Discuss with other students.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page two - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. Reading: The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. The article: Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?

6. Shopping Malls in your city: List four shopping malls in your city.

1	3
2	4

7. Shopping Malls in your city: With your partner answer the following questions about point No 6 above.

Student A

- 1) Which one do you go to?
- 2) How often? Why?
- 3) What sort of things do you buy there?
- 4) Do you like queuing to pay for your goods?
- 5) Do you pay by credit card or do you prefer to pay by cash?
- 6) Who do you go there with?

Student B

- 1) Which shopping mall is your favourite/least favourite? Why?
- 2) Which one has got the best shops? Why?
- 3) Which one has got the best cinemas/restaurants/café bars?
- 4) Which one offers the best/worst parking?
- 5) Which shopping mall has the best bus/tram/trolleybus service?
- 6) How do you get to your favourite shopping mall?

8. Let's debate: In pairs. Students A think shopping malls are better than High Streets. Students B think otherwise. Explain why.

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9. Shopping malls: Think of three advantages and disadvantages of shopping malls. Write them below.

Advantages		Disadvantages	
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

10. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) Name the British shops in Eurovea.
- 2) Name three non British shops in Eurovea.
- 3) Name three facilities at Eurovea.
- 4) What has Eurovea already become?
- 5) What is unusual about one roof café?
- 6) How many shops are there?

Student B

- 1) Name the hotel.
- 2) How many hectares has the riverside park?
- 3) Name the river.
- 4) What is the name of the theatre?
- 5) What has become a Mecca?
- 6) What is cleverly designed?

11. Let's chat! In pairs: One of you rings your fellow student, who is in another country, on your mobile or on Skype! Chat about the new shopping Eurovea Galleria and why you are interested in it? Compare it with other shopping malls. *5-minutes.*

12. Economic quickfire session: In a group the teacher asks students, **"Shopping Malls economically bring..."**

13. Let's write an e-mail: Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about **Eurovea Galleria** or **Shopping Malls**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

14. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) I love _____
- b) I dislike _____
- c) Eurovea _____
- d) My favourite shops are _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Where do you like to go shopping?
- 3) Who do you go shopping with?
- 4) What might you do whilst shopping?
- 5) What do you buy?
- 6) Are you a shopaholic?
- 7) How do you get to the shopping mall(s)?
- 8) If you were taking a bus to the shopping mall what bus number would you take?
- 9) How often do you visit a market? Which one?
- 10) Name five things you bought when you last went shopping.

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) If you were giving directions from the bus/train station to your local shopping mall explain how would I get there?
- 3) What clothes shops do you like and why?
- 4) What shops don't you like?
- 5) What is the parking like at your favourite shopping malls?
- 6) What is your favourite supermarket? Why?
- 7) Think of four economic benefits of a new shopping mall?
- 8) Do you go window shopping?
- 9) What are your three favourite clothes shops? Why these?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING 1

I Love shopping

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

Look at the categories below.

Together you are going on a shopping expedition to a large shopping mall! You love shopping! It is SALE time!

You have to think of *as many things / or 10 things* you can buy in each of the following shops in the shopping mall.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Electrical shop | 4) Men's clothes shop |
| 2) Supermarket | 5) Chemist |
| 3) Women's clothes shop | 6) Beauty shop |

The teacher may select some students to present their findings to the rest of the class.

SPEAKING 2

ROLE PLAY: Allow 5-15 minutes

In pairs

You are at a shopping mall in your city ...

Name of shopping mall _____

Choose from several situations below...Role play together then reverse roles.

Student A.

You are a member of staff in a shop at the shopping mall. You are overworked and underpaid! You are new to the job. Do what you can to help the customer.

Student B.

You are a customer.

Situation 1. You are out shopping. You need to buy three articles of clothing/electrical goods. Ask searching questions about where to find them and then about them. You need information! You hate shopping.

Situation 2. You want to get some things for your holiday. Ask for help as you don't know where to locate them!

Situation 3. You want to get to the railway station by bus as you are meeting a friend there. Get directions from the shop assistant.

Situation 4. You have come shopping in your car. You want to go to another shopping mall? You are new to the area. You want to know where there is another shopping mall. Ask for directions.

Situation 5. You want a drink. Maybe a cake. You go to a café bar in the shopping mall. Order from the waiter/waitress who serves you.

Situation 6. You are having a summer BBQ. You need to buy a BBQ and also buy the things that go with it...

Situation 7. Your choice...

The **teacher** will select some students to role play their situations in front of the class.

GAP FILL: READING

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	introductory	11	dynamic
2	cosmopolitan	12	commercial
3	throughout	13	entertainment
4	historical	14	leisure
5	panoramic	15	godsend
6	destination	16	expat's
7	businesses	17	commercial
8	promenade	18	integral
9	hectare	19	practically
10	adjacent	20	sophisticated

LINKS

<http://www.eurovea.com/en/>

http://www.google.sk/images?client=firefox-a&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&channel=s&hl=sk&q=eurovea+bratislava&um=1&ie=UTF-8&source=univ&ei=ZfuBTMXIHczAswbiiYXmCA&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=5&ved=0CDMQsAQwBA&biw=1721&bih=743

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATjJCNUxijY>

ANSWERS

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