

ECOUTE #5

Alternative buying (e bay and op shop).

As the cost of living continues to rise, it's important that we develop alternative buying habits. The internet has made possible a number of these different buying habits. A website such as ebay provides a really great opportunity to buy second-hand goods. For example, I bought a Melton bike from ebay. What was going is that I couldn't afford a brand-new one but it was a really cheap one on a sale on ebay and which later I also sold on ebay. So it's good for buyers and sellers. A good thing is Australia is that there are lots of second-hand shops, second-hand stores. In Australia, we call these stores "opportunity shops" or "op shops" officially. The idea of these stores is that people take their old and unwanted goods, including clothes, and cooking equipment, books, things like this, take these to the shops, which are often run by charities, and then, people without a lot of money can go and buy these things in second-hand for a really, really, really cheap price. I mentioned that these shops are run by charities, for example organizations like the Salvation Army, who do a lot of work to help the poor and needy. Op shops are also popular with other people, especially people who like to shop for vintage clothing. A lot of people find really obscure and old items of clothing in those shops.

*a buying habit : une habitude d'achat.

->a consuming habit : une habitude de consommation

*to provide : fournir

*second-hand : de seconde-main, d'occasion

*to afford sthg : avoir les moyens d'acheter quelque chose

*brand-new : neuf

-> a brand : une marque

*cheap : peu cher

*a store = a shop : un magasin

*a charity : une association caritative

*an item : un article

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