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# Shopping Centres

*Explain what you understand*

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Critical thinking? What are the positives and negatives of shopping centres? Does it matter if all shopping centres across the UK have the same shops? Are shopping centres killing towns and high streets? What do you think?

Link:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/2011/09/110901\\_6min\\_english\\_shopping\\_centres\\_page.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/2011/09/110901_6min_english_shopping_centres_page.shtml)

## Shopping Centres **ANSWERS**

1. Where did they go exactly for their research?

*Canary's Wharf shopping centre in East London.*

2. What was the research question?

*To ask shoppers what they liked and disliked about shopping centres*

3. What does the man have to say about shopping centres?

*He compares them to the 'experience' of shopping in boutiques on the local high street. He also mentions that you get better deals, good sales and more discounts.*

4. Does he say that shopping centres are replacing the high street shops?

*No. He says 'I don't think it will replace the localised shopping so a nice boutique in the high street always has a place'.*

5. What does the woman say and how does she feel about shopping centres?

*They are vast and open place, which have a massive variety of shops. All the shops are exactly the same on every shopping centre with standard restaurants and slightly up market ones. She seems indifferent.*

6. What do some people say they don't like about shopping centres?

*Crowded especially at weekends and holidays*