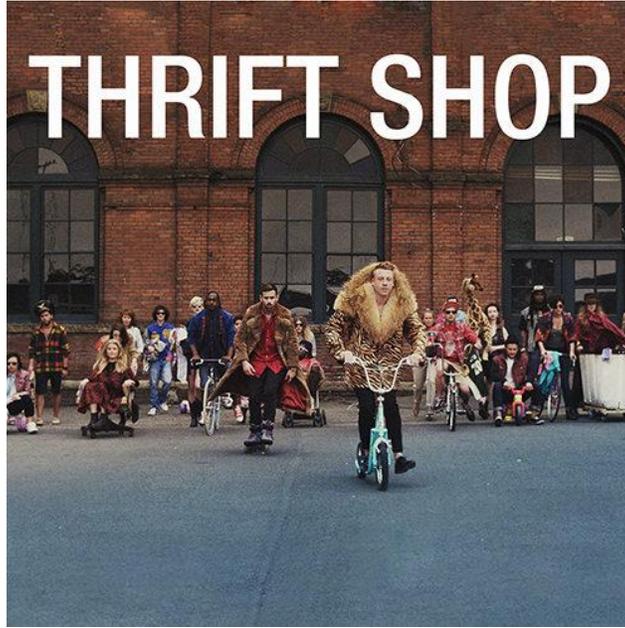




Pop Tags the Thrifty Way

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Materials: Internet connection, speaker to play music, items for recyclable craft:
old/unwanted CD, marble and glue gun



While I've listened to the catchy song, "THRIFT SHOP" by MACKLEMORE and Ryan LEWIS one hundred times or more, it's taken until now to explore the line "POP SOME TAGS". Come to find out, this is English slang for going shopping. As the song suggests, going shopping at the *thrift shop* is a budget conscious strategy that allows the consumer to get more for their money than, say, shopping at a DEPARTMENT store.

SPELL: MACKLEMORE LEWIS DEPARTMENT

What is the name of the song by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis? THRIFT SHOP

What is the English slang for going shopping? POP SOME TAGS

Name a local department store where you could go shopping? Walmart, Target, Macy's, Boscov's, etc...

Tell me about 3 things that need to be included in a budget and why they need to be included?

Question Type Key

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KNOWN – SEMI-OPEN – PRIOR KNOWLEDGE – MATH – OPEN – VAKT



VAKT: Listen to the song “Thrift Shop”. * Look for a censored version: 3 min 49 seconds in length (Consider using a larger screen to watch the music video and dance along)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=censored+version+of+thrift+shop+by+m+aclemore&view=detail&mid=73C712B2FC3851DE0FF873C712B2FC3851DE0FF8&FORM=VIRE0&ru=%2fsearch%3fFORM%3dXKSBDF%26PC%3dXK01%26q%3dcensored%2bversion%2bof%2bthrift%2bshop%2bby%2bmaclemore>

Thrift shops are defined as a store selling SECONDHAND CLOTHES and other HOUSEHOLD goods. In the 21st century these stores have expanded to sell online, as well as in person. Stores sell anything from clothing and shoes, to holiday decorations and small appliances. Each shop ELICITS (TO OBTAIN) merchandise in their own way. Some will accept donations, others purchase from alternate vendors, and still others may buy abandoned storage lockers to sell the contents. No matter the option, the merchandise within the shop is bound to be IDIOSYNCRATIC (peculiar or individual, unique) and DIVERSE.

SPELL: CENTURY ELICITS ABANDONED

What does elicit mean? TO OBTAIN

Thrift shops are defined as a store selling secondhand clothes and other _____ goods? HOUSEHOLD

Name one of the two types of merchandise thrift shops are defined as selling? SECONDHAND CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS

What word means peculiar or individual, unique? IDIOSYNCRATIC

Name one of the adjectives used to describe the merchandise in the stores? IDIOSYNCRATIC, DIVERSE

Name one way a shop will elicit merchandise? ACCEPT DONATIONS, PURCHASE FROM ALTERNATE VENDORS, BUY ABANDONED STORAGE LOCKERS

If you could sell something online, what would it be? Why?



Image of discount sign

Prices at thrift shops tend to be at least 50% off, as compared to new MERCHANDISE at a department store. In an economy where inflation has INCREASED PRICES by 5 percent and our WORKFORCE and SUPPLY CHAINS are failing, saving money and finding varied and unique merchandise is a reflective financial option to consider.

SPELL: MERCHANDISE RETAILER REFLECTIVE

What has inflation done to prices in our economy? INCREASED PRICES

Name one of the two things that are failing in our economy? WORKFORCE, SUPPLY CHAINS

What does reflective mean in this hunk of the lesson? Thinking it through, reflecting upon something

If a name brand shirt at Target cost \$30 and the thrift store is selling it at 50% off, what would the total savings be on the shirt? $30 \times .5 = 15$ DOLLARS



Dollar signs, the symbol of American currency

In addition to saving money, there are occasions when people make money on the TREASURES they find. For example, a man named ZACHARY BODISH was at a thrift shop in Columbus, OHIO in 2012. He found a unique PABLO PICASSO PAINTING, which he assumed was a reproduction that looked neat. He purchased it for \$14.14. However, upon further examination, he discovered that the painting was an original, signed piece of art which he sold for \$7,000. Another example, tells of a woman in Great Britain who purchased a BROACH for her young daughter, assuming it was costume jewelry, later to find out it was a royal gem worn by a Russian CZARINA worth 43 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

SPELL: ZACHARY BODISH OHIO CZARINA

In addition to saving money, there are occasions when people make money on the _____ they find? TREASURES

Name one of the treasures found in this hunk of the lesson? PAINTING, BROACH

What is costume jewelry? Jewelry made with inexpensive materials or imitation gems, reproductions

How many years ago did Zachary Bodish purchase the Pablo Picasso painting? 21-12= 9 YEARS AGO



How many thousands of dollars was the Russian czarina's gem worth? 43
THOUSAND DOLLARS

VAKT: Point to the dollar sign in the middle.



Image of the sign for reducing, reusing and recycling

Buying second hand also provides the consumer with a sense of STEWARDSHIP for our environment, as it reduces our carbon footprint (the amount of carbon dioxide being emitted due to the use of fossil fuels) and provides a way of reusing unwanted goods. The fashion industry accounts for 10 PERCENT of global carbon emissions and almost 20 percent of wastewater. In landfills, 9 MILLION of the 11 million tons of waste can be traced to clothing and footwear.

SPELL: CONSUMER ENVIRONMENT WASTEWATER

Buying second hand allows the consumer to feel a sense of _____ for our environment? STEWARDSHIP



Name one of the two ways buying second hand helps the environment? IT REDUCES OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT, PROVIDES A WAY OF REUSING UNWANTED GOODS

Can you explain one way that fossil fuels are used in the production or distribution of clothing? Fueling machines that make the clothes, trucks and ships moving the merchandise, electricity in stores

The fashion industry accounts for what percentage of global carbon emissions? 10 PERCENT

In landfills, how many tons of waste can be traced to clothing or footwear? 9 MILLION

VAKT: Make something with a used item...reusing something that would otherwise be discarded. Suggesting Marble/Spinning top: <https://meaningfulmama.com/cd-marble-forever-spinning-top.html>

It is also appealing that many thrift shops' mission is PHILANTHROPIC in nature because they are often selling items to raise funds for a cause or ALTERNATIVE non-profit. Before shopping, consider doing your research to determine if the store you are PATRONIZING has this focus. For example, North East Social Action Program in HAMPSTEAD, MARYLAND runs a thrift store to raise funds to support community members in need. They use the money to fund their FOOD PANTRY and pay ELECTRIC BILLS and RENT for those struggling to do so on their own. There are many stores and many more good causes to support.

SPELL: ALTERNATIVE HAMPSTEAD MARYLAND

Many thrift shops' end goal is _____ in nature because they are often selling items to raise funds for a cause or alternative non-profit? PHILANTHROPIC

Name one of the things North East Social Action Program uses their thrift shop money to pay for? FOOD PANTRY, ELECTRIC BILLS, RENT

What does it mean to patronize a store? Make the choice to shop there

How might you do the research to find out more about a thrift store? Share the steps you would take.



Thrift stores as a business and job are continuing to expand in POPULARITY. According to the ASSOCIATION of Resale Professionals, the resale industry has increased by 7 PERCENT over the past two years, despite the pandemic and challenges it has created for many RETAILERS. Thrift stores are increasing in number and are often clustering in certain locations to provide options to the consumer. SAVVY SHOPPERS are also selling the merchandise they find in these stores, lending itself to yet another money making OPPORTUNITY.

SPELL: POPULARITY ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITY

What type of shoppers are selling the merchandise they find in these stores?

SAVVY SHOPPERS

Name one way thrift stores are trying to increase options to the consumer?

INCREASING IN NUMBER, CLUSTERING IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS

Where might savvy shoppers sell the merchandise they buy at thrift shops? (be specific) Ebay, Facebook marketplace, online, yard sales, another thrift shop, etc...

The resale industry has increased by what percentage over the last two years? 7 PERCENT

Tell me about an item that you might purchase at a thrift store and why you would buy it there?

Saving money and making money are financially appealing decisions for the 21st century, BUDGET conscious consumer. MERCHANDISE in these thrift stores is gently used and continues to have a number of years of useful life available. USEFUL LIFE is the scientifically developed formula to define how long a product will maintain VALUE and USABILITY. On average, a quality GARMENT has a useful life of 7 years and 4 MONTHS (7.3), other goods that can be found at thrift shops will continue to have useful life or appeal to a person for reasons beyond their use and value. Poppin' tags at the thrift shop is a readily accessible and sound FINANCIAL option.



SPELL: MERCHANDISE GARMENT FINANCIAL

Saving money and making money are financially appealing decisions for the 21st century, _____ conscious consumer? BUDGET

What is the scientifically developed formula to define how long a product will have usability and value? USEFUL LIFE

Name one of the two qualities useful life evaluates? VALUE, USABILITY

On average a quality garment has a useful life of 7 years and how many months? 4 MONTHS

If a person donates a quality pair of jeans to a thrift store after 2.3 years of wear, how many more years of useful life do the jeans have? $7.3 - 2.3 = 5$ YEARS OF USEFUL LIFE

Creative Writing:

The song; “Thrift Shop”, is written about a budget conscious consumer who saves money by thrift shopping. If you were to write a song about another budget conscious strategy, what would be in your song lyrics and what would be the title?

Many thrift stores' mission is to be philanthropic in nature. What is your mission? Write a mission statement.



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