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**Describe a time that you were shopping in a street market.**

**You should say:**

**When it was**

**Where you were**

**What you bought**

**How you felt about the shopping experience**

It was during one summer vacation when I was in junior high school.

I spent my summertime traveling in Beijing and there was an open-air street market near the hotel where I lived.

There were all kinds of goods, antiques, second-hand furniture, clothing, glassware, metal products, beautiful jewelry and pottery and so on. I bought lots of things which I cannot remember clearly now. I am sure I bought some old records, a second-hand guitar, and some bracelets because I still keep them. I really love those old records, they' d be worth a fortune now.

That was a unique shopping experience because most of the time I bought things in large indoor shopping malls and the items were all new, it was impossible to buy old vinyl there. However, that open air market had a wide range of novelty goods for me to choose from and offered me a chance to chat with vendors and bargain.

**Do you like shopping in big malls?**

Yes, I do. Big malls have more varieties in terms of products and brands, which allow us to make comparisons before making the purchase. We are more likely to find what we need.

其他观点

Yeah. There are many things to do in big malls besides shopping. For example, I can go to a movie, drink coffee at a shop. So, I can relax after I get tired from shopping.

**Do you think the goods sold at discount stores do not have good values or qualities ?**

I don' t think so. There isn' t any difference in terms of quality. Goods have discounts mainly because they are out of season. It has nothing to do with quality. So, I actually like to shop for discount goods.

其他观点

It depends. Discounted clothes usually have the same quality, but many discounted food products are about to expired or go bad, so they are not as good.

**Why do some people like to buy expensive goods?**

It' s mainly because expensive goods usually come with better quality. If people can afford

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more expensive goods, they can buy them to enjoy a better experience.

其他观点

Expensive goods usually come with better user experience. For example, the after-sale service of expensive home appliances is often better than that of cheaper ones. In this regard, expensive goods are more cost effective.

### **Where do you like to go shopping?**

I like to go shopping in big shopping malls where different kinds of stores are in good order. I can always find what I want. And the service is usually very good.

其他观点

I like shopping in department stores. They provide customers a good indoor shopping environment where we can shop at ease and relax when we are tired. And we never have to worry about bad weather outside.

Why do some people prefer street markets over shopping malls?

Some people prefer street markets because they can bargain with the salesperson there, whereas you are not likely to have a chance to bargain in the shopping malls. Sometimes, they can get something really nice at a low price in a street market.

其他观点

When you shop in a street market, the clerk will not follow you everywhere you go, so you can feel more at ease. And street market is livelier than shopping malls. I think these are the reasons why some people like street markets better.