**The (dis-)advantages of e-Shops**

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Online shops are getting more and more popular these days and from food to clothes they nearly offer everything. You can easily order from the comfort of your home and don’t have carry your purchases. This is why many people nowadays prefer e-shopping over local shopping. But is it possible that online shops will ever completely replace physical stores?

~~We summarized the pros and cons of e-Shopping to answer the question, if online shopping may completely replace local shopping anytime!~~

~~As written above~~, one of the main advantages is that you(who?) break the physical barriers (?what does that even mean?). But not only that, on the internet you can buy stuff from all over the world. You are not limited to your national offer of goods. Give an example why that would be an advantage. Surely, conventional shops will order any product on offer on the planet for you.

With worldwide delivery, however, there comes shipping, which is not just pretty expensive sometimes, but until your order arrives it could take some time. Which brings us to the first disadvantage of e-shopping.

A major advantage of e-stores is that they never close their shops. You can order 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, while local stores are typically closed in the evenings and on Sundays and holidays.

Unfortunately you cannot try your clothes on before buying it when ordering them online. There is a chance your clothes will not fit well, so you might have to send them back to the seller, which results in extra effort.

~~As you can see there are many pros and cons on both sides and it would take a long time to list every single argument.~~ But now to the question: (Don`t!)

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At the moment e-Shopping cannott **completely** replace local shops, especially when it comes to food. If you need something the same day, online shopping will not work for you in most cases, just because of the shipping time. It is to be expected that if technology advances and “same-day-shipping” is possible for every single product in every region, there is a chance that online shops will replace physical shops in future.

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