

4 Malls

1 How often do you go shopping? Do you prefer to shop in local shops or large shopping malls? Why? Tell the class.

Reading

2 a) Look at the photos and read the headings. Do you know where these shopping places are? What is special about each one? Read to find out.

LET'S GO TO THE MALL!

The first modern mall was Southdale Center in Minnesota, USA, and it opened in 1956. It was the first indoor, climate-controlled shopping centre in the world. Since then, malls all over the world have come a long way. They're not just shopping centres. Malls today offer an endless variety of places to eat, entertainment facilities and services. Kyiv has many such malls, offering Kyivites and visitors a unique shopping experience.





Dream Town

Do you want to visit Hollywood, a Brazilian rainforest, China, Greece and also see the Eiffel Tower in just a few hours? You'll find them all under one roof in Dream Town Mall. The 81,000-square meter mall, the largest in Kyiv, includes two buildings in which different atriums have themes from different countries. The first two floors have dozens of shops that will satisfy even the most extreme shopaholic. There's nothing that you may want to buy that you won't find in Dream Town's shops. For the young, and the young at heart, the whole of the third floor is all about fun. A bowling alley, cinemas, an ice-skating rink and even a huge water park are just some of the places where visitors can enjoy themselves.

Globus

If clothes is what you're looking for, then Globus is definitely the place to shop! The best Ukrainian and international brands can be found in this ultra-modern shopping centre located at the heart of Kyiv, at Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square). The mall has three floors, two of which are underground. In its 192 shops you will find anything from clothing and accessories to electronics and musical instruments.



Gulliver

Just like the character in Jonathan Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels*, this mall is gigantic. The 161-metre building opened its doors to the public in 2012. On the first four floors, visitors will find 130 shops selling top-quality fashion and other goods. On the next two floors, visitors can go bowling, have a drink or grab a bite to eat. The last two floors have a cinema that has its own restaurant and café. On the rooftop, there is a gym with a 25-metre swimming pool that gives you a fantastic view of the whole city.





Ocean Plaza

Another great place to shop in Kyiv is Ocean Plaza. The first thing that will impress you is the mall's amazing design. Inside, there are 250 shops selling top brands but also more affordable fashion labels, as well as homeware and electronics. If you want to do your grocery shopping, there's an enormous supermarket where you can find all sorts of goods from Ukraine and the rest of the world. Ocean Plaza is proud to have one of the biggest aquariums in Eastern European malls. In the giant tank you can see hundreds of tropical fish and the beautiful colours of the underwater world. After your shopping, you can eat at one of the mall's 27 restaurants. Whether it's fast food or Japanese cuisine, Ocean Plaza will suit every taste and budget.

CHECK THESE WORDS

climate-controlled, come a long way, facility, service, unique, brand, ultra-modern, at the heart of, electronics, under one roof, atrium, shopaholic, gigantic, the public, goods, grab a bite, design, homeware, aquarium, cuisine

b) Read the text again and choose the correct option. Justify your answer.

- 1 Southdale was the first **big mall in the US/inside mall internationally**.
- 2 In comparison to malls in the past, malls today are **quite different/pretty much the same**.
- 3 Globus is a good choice for those looking for **homeware/something to wear**.
- 4 Dream Town Mall is in **two/five** different buildings.
- 5 The Gulliver mall is named so because of its **size/shape**.
- 6 Ocean Plaza has one of the biggest **supermarkets/aquariums** in Eastern Europe.

Vocabulary

3 Use: heart (x2), shopaholic, way, bite and roof to complete the idioms. Then use the idioms to make sentences based on the text.

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Speaking & Writing

- 4 Which one of the malls presented in the text would you rather go shopping at? Why did you not choose the other three? Tell the class.**
- 5 Imagine you have just been shopping at the mall you expressed a preference for in Ex. 4. Write a short email to a friend describing your shopping experience.**