

ELEMENTARY UNIT 8

- 1** Where do you usually go shopping: a) at the local shops, b) in a supermarket or c) at a shopping centre. Why?

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local

The problem?

- Big supermarkets and out-of-town shopping centres are growing all around the country.
- People are driving out to these centres in the car every weekend.
- They aren't shopping in their local shops.
- Small shops are closing in the town centres.
- Local people are losing their jobs.
- Town centres are slowly dying.

The solution? You!

- What can you do?
- Buy your bread from the local baker's every day.
- Go to your local market for fresh food, fruit and vegetables.
- Walk to the shops – it's good for your health and the environment.
- Buy less – shop more often.

**You know it makes sense:
for you, for your town, for the planet!**



- 2** Look at the poster. What is it trying to do?
- 1 describe an out-of-town shopping centre
 - 2 ask people to use their local shops
 - 3 give people information about their local shops

- 3** Look at the first half of the poster (The problem?). Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 There are more big supermarkets than in the past.
- 2 People walk to the out-of-town shopping centres.
- 3 People don't go to the small shops near their homes.
- 4 There are more small shops in the centre now.
- 5 Small shops are not doing well.
- 6 Town centres are doing very well.

- 4** Look at the second half of the poster (The solution?). Which of these things do you do regularly? Is it easy to shop in local shops in your neighbourhood?

- 5** **8.1** Listen to Ross. He works for the Buy Local campaign. Is he happy with the campaign at the moment?

- 6** Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1** When did he start working with the campaign?
- _____

- 2** Why did he join the campaign?
- _____

- 3** Why did his friend's shop close?
- _____

- 4** What's special about the new car park?
- _____

- 5** How did they help older customers?
- _____

- 6** What is his friend doing now?
- _____

- 7A** Match the extracts a)–f) with the questions in Exercise 6.

- a) His shop closed. It was very sad.
- b) We talked to the local authorities.
- c) It was Christmastime, I remember.
- d) The shop is open again and it's doing much better than before.
- e) Then a new supermarket opened out of town.
- f) It makes a big difference.

- B** Listen again and check.

- 8** Work in pairs or small groups. Draw up a list of advantages and disadvantages of shopping at an out-of-town shopping centre or supermarket. Think about the things in the box.

prices time parking choice
fresh products friendly service

- 9** Look at the list you wrote in Exercise 8. Do you think it's better to shop in small local shops or at an out-of-town supermarket? Why?