

## Facts about shopping



A study done recently by GE Money said that women spend over 8 years of their life shopping. According to the study, women spend about 400 hours each year shopping. Almost a quarter of that time is spent doing grocery shopping for food. Luckily, Million Looks magazine says that shopping can be a good thing, and they give some interesting facts about women and shopping. The magazine says that women who shop for more than 17 hours a week are slimmer and healthier than those who spend less time shopping. The magazine also **claims** that women who shop more often look and feel much younger than those who dislike shopping. Finally, **they** say that most women who enjoy shopping are more confident and happier.

We cannot be sure if these things are true, but one thing that is **definitely** true is shopping is big business. There are now about 50,000 shopping malls in the United States alone, and the average person spends \$75 each time they visit a mall. The shopping malls also try their best to **encourage** people to spend as much as possible, and stay in the mall as long as possible. Escalators are placed so people using them pass the many different stores. You may have also noticed that places to sit in malls are hard to find. This is because people can't spend money when they are sitting down!



1. According to the article, how many hours do women spend shopping each year?
  - a) 17 hours
  - b) 40 hours
  - c) 400 hours
  - d) 4000 hours
2. The word “claims” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) denies
  - b) suggests
  - c) appeals
  - d) charges
3. The word “they” in paragraph 1 refers to:
  - a) Million Looks magazine
  - b) women who enjoy shopping
  - c) women who shop more often
  - d) women who dislike shopping
4. According to the article, how many shopping malls are there in the United States?
  - a) 5,000
  - b) 50,000
  - c) 500,000
  - d) it doesn't say
5. According to the article, what are difficult to find in shopping malls?
  - a) escalators
  - b) places to sit
  - c) places to eat
  - d) many different stores
6. The word “definitely” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) questionably
  - b) doubtfully
  - c) carefully
  - d) without question
7. The word “encourage” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) invite
  - b) discourage
  - c) provoke
  - d) instruct
8. Paragraph 2 is about:
  - a) the physical health benefits of shopping on a regular basis
  - b) how shopping malls are large-scale corporate-controlled businesses
  - c) how shopping malls are small-scale corporate-controlled businesses
  - d) a study showing how much money women spend each year shopping

Answers: 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (b)