

- 3 You are going to read a magazine article about a newly-opened shopping centre. For questions 1-15, choose from the speakers (A-D). The speakers may be chosen more than once. There is an example at the beginning (0).

A	George Martinson
B	Tim Williams
C	Lynnda Wilkinson
D	Paul Davis

Which statement refers to which person?

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| Foreign food is not at all costly. | 0 | B |
| The amusement arcade has a wide selection of games. | 1 | |
| There should be an area for young children to play. | 2 | |
| I hate seeing kids stuck indoors. | 3 | |
| Being close by, it's easy to get to. | 4 | |
| The shopping centre shouldn't have been built. | 5 | |
| It certainly is one of the best in the world. | 6 | |
| You have to have a good sense of direction in order not to get lost in the shopping area. | 7 | 8 |
| Parts of it aren't spacious enough. | 9 | |
| Definitely not my cup of tea. | 10 | |
| You'll find your car only if memory serves you right. | 11 | |
| I'm very disappointed with the town council. | 12 | |
| Cinema-goers should have no trouble finding something to watch. | 13 | |
| Shoppers can find almost everything they want there. | 14 | |
| I go there mainly for reasons other than shopping. | 15 | |

3. Shopping around for the Best

The newly-opened Shorewood Shopping Centre near Burton has been a point of debate since its planning stages. Occupying a site which many residents had expected to be turned into a park, it has both enemies and friends. George Martinson investigates.

Miles of shops, enough restaurants to feed a small country, a ten-screen cinema complex, ice-skating rink — you name it, Shorewood Shopping Centre has it. I visited it several times during its first month of operation to find out how people were reacting to this unique shopping and entertainment experience, and came up with some interesting results.

The first person I talked to was **Tim Williams**, 16, a resident of the Burton area. "I think it's amazing," he said. "I mean, I'm not really into shopping, but there are so many other things to do here. *Videoville* is great. It's got hundreds of different video games, and a lot of them were completely new to me. The food court is pretty impressive, too. You can get food from all over the world — Indian, Chinese, even Mexican — and the prices are quite reasonable." When asked if he had any criticisms, Tim laughed. "The car park is scary. The first time we came, it took my dad half an hour to find the car again!"

Lynnda Wilkinson, 36, of Weston, had a slightly different reaction. "It's impressive, I have to admit, but it's completely bewildering. I feel like I should have a map and a compass to find my way around. I keep a close watch on the kids, believe me. I mean, if they got lost here, I'd probably never see them again!" And what did she like about it? "Oh, the variety of shops is amazing. I can't think of anything you couldn't find here. But why they don't have a children's play area is beyond me. Children do need a break from shopping, but the only thing on offer was video games — *not* very suitable for kids as young as mine."

I wondered why another local resident had bothered to come at all. "It's an outrage," said **Paul Davis**, 42. "Plans for a park and sports centre had been released by the council, then suddenly they turn around and say it's the ideal place for a shopping centre. Well, it probably is. I mean, it's conveniently located and there are plenty of shops there — more than plenty, I'd say. But when I see all those kids in the video place I think what a shame it is that they aren't outside doing sport, or swimming in the pool we were promised." When asked for other comments, Mr Davis said: "My wife loves the place, and even I have to admit that the food court's a good idea. I won't be spending much time here, though."

Having visited shopping centres all over the world, I found that Shorewood is a match for some of the very best — with a few exceptions. It does have an amazing variety of shops, loads of facilities for entertainment and plenty to eat. I was particularly impressed with the cinema complex. The huge range of films on offer means that there is always something to suit every taste. However, in practical terms, it falls short in a few areas. Space is one problem — the public areas are not generously proportioned, and the ceilings seemed a bit low as well, so if you're claustrophobic, beware. Due to its size, it's also quite confusing. I had to keep checking the floor plan to see where I was. On the whole, though, it's an excellent place for a day's shopping — so if you haven't been, I recommend that you give it a try.

KEY

- A New Option in Holidaymaking?**
1. D 3. 4. A, B (in any order) 6. 7. B, C (in any order) 9. E 11. B 13. B 15. E
2. E 5. A 8. D 10. A 12. C 14. B
- Holiday Tales**
1. A 3. D 5. C 7. A 9. B 11. B 13. C 15. A
2. B 4. B 6. D 8. A 10. C 12. C 14. D
- Shopping around for the Best**
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2. C 4. D 6. A 9. A 11. B 13. A 15. B