

Shopping: Online or Offline?

You probably know the word 'shopping' in English. You don't need to learn English at all to learn it: it seems to be a part of every language I've ever seen. Shopping.

I have to say that I don't like to shop the old-fashioned way. You know, the way where you drive into the city, walk around, look in different stores. I never find *exactly* what I want, and I always have to buy the 'next best' thing. . . that is, I have to buy something that's close to what I want, but not exactly right.

When I shop online, though, things are different. It's possible to buy books in English here in the middle of Germany. I can always find *exactly* what I want, and comparison shopping is as easy as a few clicks. . . not a few kilometers of walking or driving.

You can guess what I'm going to say: I prefer shopping online. Because I normally know what I want *before* I go shopping, I don't need to look around in stores. I just look around a few websites to find the things that I want, give them my credit card information, and wait for my shopping to come to me.

How do you prefer to shop? Are you an online shopper, or do you prefer to shop 'offline'? What's the last thing you bought online? What kinds of things do you *only* buy offline? Or online?