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3. Read the following text and write your opinion about it.

Needs and excess

Human beings need things to live. They need shelter to protect them and they need food and clothes to keep them warm.

In industrialised societies, people buy these things in shops and pay for them with money. However, in some cultures, people have to make their own things and tools or exchange articles with others using a barter system.

In our society we use money to buy everything we need. However, it is important to be careful not to buy things we don't need (excess) or pay a higher price than necessary.

The risk with this system is that some people buy more than they need, while others don't have enough money to buy essential things.

We do have to buy things, but it is important to learn what to buy, how much to buy and when to buy it.

Vocabulary

Shelter: vivenda.

Keep: manter, guardar.

Exchange: intercambiar.

Need: necesitamos.

Careful: coiadadoso.

Higher: máis alto.

Price: prezo.

While: mentres.

Enough: suficiente.

Learn: aprender.

Buy: comprar.

What do you think about people who like to buy lots of things they don't need?

Make a list of any things you have but you don't need.

Have you got anything made by a famous brand? Would you be happy if you had the same thing but not made by a famous brand? Explain your answer.
