



## Pre-Reading Activities

### A: Quiz

Do this quiz in pairs. Answer **A** or **B** for each question.

#### Do You Like Shopping?

- You need some new clothes. What do you say? 
  - "Good. I love shopping!"
  - "I don't really need any new clothes! I hate shopping!"
- Your mother gives you some money. What do you say? 
  - "Thanks. Now I can buy a new shirt."
  - "Thanks. Now I can go to the swimming pool."
- You go shopping with your friend. In one shop she sees some shoes she likes. What do you say? 
  - "I like these shoes, but there are five other shoe stores. We should go to them first."
  - "I like these shoes. Buy them and then we can go home."
- You and your friends have spent all your money, but you want to have some fun. What do you say? 
  - "Let's go and look in the windows of the shops. We don't have to buy anything."
  - "Let's go to the park. It's a beautiful day."
- Your friends ask you what you would like to do for your birthday. What do you say? 
  - "I'd like to go shopping."
  - "I'd like to go to the beach."

**How many As or Bs did you get? Find out below what this means...**

**Mostly A's:** You love shopping. Shopping is your favorite hobby. You are happy to go to every shoe store to find shoes you like. Shopping is better than going to the beach or the park. **Mostly B's:** You don't like shopping. You only go shopping when it is really important. When you do go shopping, you do not enjoy it.

### B: Vocabulary

Match the words below with their meanings.

#### Words

- kindergarten
- name tag
- remote control car
- partner
- leave (v)
- limit (v)

#### Meanings

- To have no more than a certain number.
- To go away from somebody or something.
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d.



- A kind of school for very young children.
- Your husband, wife, boyfriend or girlfriend.

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea

Read the first part of today's article and answer the questions.

1. Where can German women leave their partners?
2. Which city is the kindergarten in?
3. How much does it cost for a man to use it?
4. What does a man get for this?

### B: Mixed Sentences

Here is the next part of the article, but the parts of the sentences are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order. Then answer the questions.

(.../Continued) 1. had a remote / "Last week the men / to play with." / control car  
2. "Next week there's / a mini racetrack," / the 'Nox Bar' said. / Alexander Stein, manager of / going to be (Continued/...)  
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#### Questions:

- a. What did the men at the crèche play with last week?
- b. What will they play with next week?
- c. What does Alexander Stein do?

### C: True Or False

Read the last part of today's article. Are the sentences about this part of the article **true** **T** or **false** **F** ?

1. Women like the kindergarten because they know where their partners are.
2. Jeanette Brendel left her husband at the kindergarten before she went shopping.
3. Brendel didn't want her husband to go shopping with her.
4. When a woman leaves her husband at the kindergarten, she gets a receipt.
5. Brendel's husband enjoys going to a shop five times to look at shoes.

(.../Continued) Women like it because they know where their men are, and can limit how much they'll spend.

"I wanted to shop in peace," said Jeanette Brendel, after leaving her husband at the crèche, paying the 10 euro fee and collecting a "receipt" for him. "[Men] don't feel like going to the same shop five times to look at shoes. I just dropped him

off and now I can go shopping where I want," she said.

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**Words:** **receipt** - a piece of paper that shows you have paid for something **to drop someone off** - to stop a car etc to let someone get out

### D: Reference Words

Look at the words (shown in **bold**) and say who or what they refer to.

Women like **it** because they know where **their** men are, and can limit how much **they'll** spend.

1. **it** refers to...
  - a. the women.
  - b. the men.
  - c. the kindergarten.
2. **their** refers to...
  - a. the women's.
  - b. the men's.
  - c. the kindergarten's.
3. **they'll** refers to...
  - a. the women.
  - b. the men.
  - c. the kindergarten.

"I just dropped **him** off and now I can go shopping where I want," **she** said.

4. **I** refers to...
  - a. Jeanette Brendel.
  - b. Jeanette Brendel's husband.
  - c. the kindergarten.
5. **him** refers to...
  - a. Jeanette Brendel.
  - b. Jeanette Brendel's husband.
  - c. the kindergarten.
6. **she** refers to...
  - a. Jeanette Brendel.
  - b. Jeanette Brendel's husband.
  - c. the kindergarten.

## German men get own 'kindergarten'

BERLIN, Germany Tues Oct 7 (Reuters) -- German women can now leave their partners at a special kindergarten for men.

Men at the Nox Bar in Hamburg said they loved the 'Men's crèche'. For 10 euros (\$US12), they get a name tag, two bottles of beer, a hot meal, television and free games. (Continued/...)

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**Word:** **crèche** - a place where babies are looked after while their parents work, play sport etc.

## Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

### A: Conversation

Here is a man and a woman talking about the new kindergarten. There are gaps in the conversation. Read it. Fill each gap with one of the sentences in the list below. Then work in pairs and read it aloud.

**Man:** What are we doing today?

**Woman:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ I need to buy some shoes.

**Man:** Shoes? You've got twenty pairs of shoes! Why do you need more shoes?

**Woman:** I want to look nice for Monika's party next week.

**Man:** 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Woman:** O.K. I'll leave you at the new kindergarten.

**Man:** Kindergarten? 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Woman:** It's for men. You get two bottles of beer, a hot meal, television and free games.

**Man:** 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Woman:** Just 10 euros.

**Man:** That's cheap. But I won't know anyone.

**Woman:** 5. \_\_\_\_\_ You'll meet lots of new people.

**Man:** That's good but...

**Woman:** Well, you can come shopping with me. I want to go to five different shoe shops.

**Man:** 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Woman:** It's at the Nox Bar. They are going to have a mini racetrack.

**Man:** O.K. I'll go there. And I'll phone Marcus and see if he wants to come too.



#### Sentences:

You get a name tag.

Where is the kindergarten?

I'm thirty-two years old.

How much does it cost?

I want to go shopping.

I don't want to go shopping.

### B: Language

Read this sentence from today's article.

"Next week there's **going to be** a mini racetrack," Alexander Stein, manager of the 'Nox Bar' said.

**Going to** is used to talk about a future plan or decision. You have already decided to do this thing before you talked about it. (Stein has already organized the racetrack.) *am / is / are **going to** + infinitive*

Here are some other examples.

Where are you **going**?

Shopping. My old shoes don't look nice so I'm **going to buy** some new shoes.

Is Hans **going** shopping too?

No, he doesn't like shopping. I'm **going to take** him to that new kindergarten for men.

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You use **will** when you decide to do something at the moment of speaking. *will + infinitive (without to)*.

- Woman 1:** Where are you going?  
**Woman 2:** I'm going to buy some new shoes.  
**Woman 1:** O.K. **I'll come** with you.

- Woman 1:** Is Hans going shopping too?  
**Woman 2:** No, he doesn't like shopping. I'm going to take him to that new kindergarten for men.  
**Woman 1:** Good idea. **I'll ask** my husband if he wants to go too.

(Usually in speaking, we use the form **'ll...**, instead of **will...** "I'll ask my husband.")

Read these sentences and fill each gap with **will ('ll)** or **going to**.

- A:** Why are you putting on your coat? Are you going out?  
**B:** Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Bill for a drink. (*I meet*)
- A:** Do you want to go to the movies?  
**B:** Now? Yes, please! \_\_\_\_\_ and get my coat. It's cold outside. (*I go*)
- A:** Oh no! The car won't start!  
**B:** Don't worry. \_\_\_\_\_ for a taxi. (*I phone*)
- A:** Do you want anything from the mall? \_\_\_\_\_ some shopping. (*I do*)  
**B:** Yes please. Could you mail a letter for me?
- A:** What are \_\_\_\_\_ to Brenda's party? (*you wear*)  
**B:** Jeans and my new shirt.

### C: Discussion

Answer these questions in small groups.

- Do you like this idea of a kindergarten for men? Why or why not?
- Do you think it would be popular in your country? Why or why not?
- Can you think of any time when women might like a kindergarten for themselves?
- What makes this kindergarten different to other bars where men go?

### D: Pair Crossword

Your teacher is going to divide the class into two groups and give each person half of a crossword. You are going to explain these words in English to a partner from the other group. Think about how to explain the words on your crossword.

Now find a partner from the other group. One of you is **Student A**, the other is **Student B**. Work together and fill in the crossword. Ask and answer questions with your partner. Do not show the other person your words!

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# TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

## Pre-Reading Activities

### B: Vocabulary - Answers

- e.
- c.
- d.
- f.
- b.
- a.

## Reading Activities

### A: Understanding The Main Idea - Answers

- At a special kindergarten for men.
- Hamburg.
- 10 euros (\$US12).
- A name tag, two bottles of beer, a hot meal, television and free games.

### B: Mixed Sentences - Answers

- "Last week the men had a remote control car to play with."
- "Next week there's going to be a mini racetrack," Alexander Stein, manager of the 'Nox Bar' said.
  - a remote control car
  - a mini racetrack
  - He is the manager of the 'Nox Bar' (where the men's kindergarten is held).

### C: True or False - Answers

- T.
- T.
- T.
- T.
- F.

### D: Reference Words - Answers

- c.
- a.
- b.
- a.
- b.
- a.

## Post-Reading Activities

### A: Conversation - Answers

- I want to go shopping.
- I don't want to go shopping.
- I'm thirty-two years old!
- How much does it cost?
- You get a name tag.
- Where is the kindergarten?

### B: Language - Notes

Question 5. presents students with a different form of going to as they have to use a question and 'you' instead of 'I'.

### B: Language - Answers

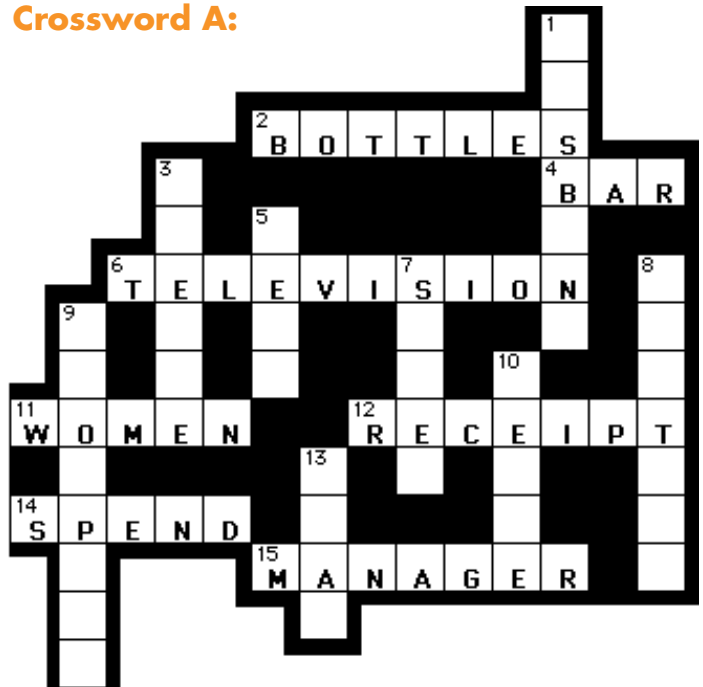
- I'm going to meet
- I'll go
- I'll phone
- I'm going to do
- you going to wear.

### D: Pair Crossword - Notes

This is an information exchange activity. One student has the answers the other student needs. It's up to the student seeking the answers to work out what the missing words are by asking questions and listening to their partner's definitions. Have one student fill in their crossword first and then have the students switch roles. Remind students that the words are from today's article.

## D: Pair Crossword - Crosswords To Be Given To Students

### Crossword A:



### Crossword B:

