

## **Literary Competition 2017**

## "Online shopping and the end of the high street shop"

Shopping nowadays has received a digital upgrade, allowing us to buy almost anything, whether it being clothes, cars, books – with simple button clicks, and your personal information: credit card number, address and e-mail.

When it comes to the prices of online items, they aren't much different from the ones at your local store. But, there are many websites which sell used merchandise. While most of the 'used merch' are vehicles, you will end up saving 50% on a five year old model. There are plenty of websites that sell used goods. But since those products aren't sold by their acknowledged producing company, you are likely to be scammed, or worse. So do be careful when using websites like Craigslist or Ebay, you don't know who the seller is.

When it comes to convenience, shopping is something people do on a daily basis, and often create crowds, and to get through a crowd you will need time and lots of it. Shopping online, however, has no 'virtual' crowds, and you can take all the time you need to pick that pair of jeans that will match perfectly with your shirt for your cousin's wedding. Instead of a parking fee, you sometimes have to pay for the shipping fee, but you won't need to wait in line. The downside is that you need to wait for the delivery to arrive, and that can take a while.

In my opinion, people are mostly going to buy something that is cheaper than in some stores, as well as saving money on used goods. Just be careful, since there are people who scam you over good deals.

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