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English Passage 1

A Different Way to Shop

In Japan, a common way to obtain what you want is to go to a store. In the US, however, people often make purchases informally among themselves. For example, if you want a pet or a used car, you can probably find many classified ads in your local newspaper. The prices are often much lower than those at stores. It is important to communicate well with the owners, as these ads often do not have any kind of guarantees. On the bright side, the prices are often negotiable. If you are someone who doesn't like secondhand products, or need a warranty when you buy something, you should probably shop at a store. But if you're adventurous enough to explore the market yourself, you might find it fun to "shop" through these ads.



Vocabulary

purchase	動詞	購入する
informally	副詞	形式張らずに
classified ads	名詞	案内広告
guarantee	名詞	保証
on the bright side	フレーズ	長所は
negotiable	形容詞	交渉の余地がある
secondhand	形容詞	中古の
warranty	名詞	保証
adventurous	形容詞	冒険心のある

Questions (answers provided in the appendix)

1. In Japan, what is a common way to purchase something?
2. In America, where can you find something you want to buy?
3. What is crucial when you deal with individual sellers?
4. What is the advantage of doing business with individuals?
5. What kind of people should do shopping at a store?

English Passage 2

New York Entertainment

Broadway musicals in New York City are a popular attraction for both tourists and local New Yorkers.

Many old and popular stories, as well as new ones, are made into musicals shows. There are over 40 Broadway theaters in New York's Theatre District. In Japan, you have to book a theater seat a few months in advance; but in New York, all Broadway theaters have 500 or more seats, so it's much easier to get a ticket. Also, there are many smaller, "Off Broadway" theaters in the Theatre District. Off Broadway shows are more intimate and often more experimental. A wide variety of shows are performed in those theaters. Some musicals, such as "A Chorus Line" or "Rent," both very famous in Japan, were first performed in Off Broadway theaters.



Vocabulary

attraction	名詞	引き付ける力
book	動詞	予約する
in advance	フレーズ	前もって
district	名詞	区域
intimate	形容詞	親密な
experimental	形容詞	試行的な

Questions (answers provided in the appendix)

1. What is famous in New York City?
2. How many theaters are there in the New York Theatre District?
3. How many seats do Broadway theaters usually have?
4. A smaller theater in the Theatre District is called what?

English Passage 3

Hello

Hi Ellie,

How have you been? Sorry for being out of touch for so long. I have no excuses. I'm such a bad friend! But here's me trying to make it up to you. I went to New York on vacation for the first time! It's such an exciting place, Ellie, you wouldn't believe it. Being raised in the country and all, I was surprised at how available everything is in New York. I had a really good time just looking around, watching Broadway musicals, and eating out. Can you believe that I gained three kilograms in five days? (I can, after all the food I ate.) But really I have nothing to regret about this trip. Feels like I'm still in a dream. I'll tell you more about my trip when I see you next time.

Till then, please take care.

Sam



Vocabulary

excuse	名詞	言い訳
be out of touch	フレーズ	連絡を取らないで
make it up	フレーズ	埋め合わせをする
raise	動詞	～を育てる
eat out	句動詞	外食する
regret	動詞	後悔する

Questions (answers provided in the appendix)

1. Why wasn't Sam able to write to Ellie?
2. Why was Sam surprised at how convenient New York is?
3. What did Sam not do during the trip?
4. What happened to Sam?