

Opinions on consumerism

Take turns giving your opinions on consumerism using the topic words and/ or opinions words in the table on the next page. Your partner will listen and agree or disagree, ask for more details, give their own opinion, etc. Discuss that topic for as long as you like, then take turns doing the same with other topics and/ or opinions language below.

Share one opinion that you agreed on with the class and see if others agree.

Ask about anything on the next page that you don't understand, are not sure how to pronounce, are not sure that you used correctly, etc, working together as a class to make related opinions on consumerism each time.

Without looking at the table below, join words and parts of words in the same section to make words and phrases related to this topic and opinions. Other matches not in the table may also be possible, but there is probably only one way of matching them all.

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Without looking at the table below, brainstorm as many different forms of each word on the last page as you can, e.g. an adverb and an opposite if it is an adjective. You can add prefixes before the word and/ or suffixes after the word, plus any other changes which are necessary. Many words not in the table are also possible.

Check as a class or with the table below. Many other words are possible, so please check if you wrote something different. Then change groups. With your new partner, have a similar discussion, but this time with only the key words on a fresh copy of the last page to help.

Give and discuss similar opinions on other IELTS Speaking Part Three topics:

- business and work (advertising, e-commerce, meetings, work-life balance, etc)
- science and technology (internet, social media, etc)
- education (history, etc)
- society (laws, competition, materialism/ consumerism, etc)
- arts and media (movies, music, reading, theatre/ plays, TV, etc)
- people and relationships (family, friends, children, neighbours, fame, skills, etc)
- architecture, homes, towns, and local areas (housework, interiors, cities, etc)
- free time/ leisure (hobbies, shopping, games, etc)
- travel and tourism (commuting, international travel, the tourist industry, etc)
- psychology (choices, etc)
- festivals and celebrations/ important events (marriage, national celebrations, parties)
- finance (money, etc)
- food and drink (cooking, restaurant, etc)
- nature (weather, etc)
- places
- sports
- health (keep fit, lifestyles, etc)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (misleading/ online) ads/ marketing ● bargaining/ haggling ● (own) brand (goods/ loyalty) ● living on a budget/ budgeting ● conspicuous consumption ● consumer campaigns/ consumer boycotts ● consumerism/ materialism ● credit (cards)/ debt ● demanding customers ● disposal/ getting rid of (donations, etc) ● duty-free (shopping) ● fads/ trends ● fashion (industry) ● fixing/ mending/ make do and mend ● gadgets ● gift giving ● greenwashing ● hand-me-downs ● heirlooms/ passing things down ● homemade.../ homegrown... ● imports/ imported... ● (online) influencers ● living standards ● loyalty cards ● luxury ● (open-air/ flea/ antique/ indoor) markets ● (shopping/ outlet) malls ● packaging ● payment methods (cash, card, etc) ● peer pressure ● pocket money/ allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● possessions ● poverty ● premium products ● price/ affordability ● (big/ impulse/ bulk) purchases ● quality ● (product/ online/ customer) reviews ● (summer/ January) sales ● salesmanship/ hard sell ● saving money/ penny pinching (shop around, bargain hunting, etc) ● second hand/ vintage (goods/ shops) ● shopaholic ● (window/ going/ doing the) shopping ● shopping channels/ television shopping ● shopping online/ e-commerce ● shopping street/ high street/ main street ● sneakerheads ● souvenirs ● (over) spending (habits/ patterns) ● splashing out/ treating yourself ● (spending/ shopping) sprees ● status symbols ● (local/ chain/ mega/ discount) stores ● the three Rs (upcycling, etc) ● the (big/ weekly) shop ● theft (shoplifting, etc) ● town centre/ city centre/ downtown ● unboxing ● value(able)/ treasured 	<p><i>absolutely/ extremely</i> <i>(un)acceptable</i> <i>addictive</i> <i>authorities/ government</i> <i>(un)avoidable</i> <i>baby boomers</i> <i>beneficial/ advantageous</i> <i>causes – consequences</i> <i>challenging/ tricky</i> <i>changes/ trends</i> <i>(un)common/ (un)popularity</i> <i>comparison/ contrast</i> <i>control/ restrictions</i> <i>cut/ reduction</i> <i>damaging</i> <i>data/ figures</i> <i>dangerous/ threatening</i> <i>(in) decline – growing</i> <i>encouragement/ promotion</i> <i>environmentally...</i> <i>(un)ethical/ (im)moral(ly)</i> <i>example/ exemplified by</i> <i>(personal) experience</i> <i>experts/ researchers</i> <i>fairly/ somewhat</i> <i>Generation X/ Y/ Z/ Alpha</i> <i>improvement – worsening</i> <i>legislation/ regulation/ rule</i> <i>(un)likely/ (im)probable</i> <i>negative – positive</i> <i>over/ excessive... – under...</i> <i>persuasive</i> <i>possible – impossible</i> <i>praiseworthy</i> <i>(un)predictable/ forecasts</i> <i>priority/ prioritise</i> <i>(un)problematic/ issue</i> <i>regret(table)</i> <i>(more or less) right</i> <i>scandalous</i> <i>solutions/ (un)solvable</i> <i>(un)sustainability</i> <i>(pre-)teens/ teenagers</i> <i>the past (... years)/ ... ago</i> <i>traditional(ly)</i> <i>trendy – passé</i> <i>understandable</i> <i>worthwhile – waste of...</i></p>
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Consumerism vocabulary collocations presentation

1. own	a budget
2. brand	brand goods
3. living on	campaigns/ boycotts
4. conspicuous	consumption
5. consumer	customers
6. demanding	free shopping
7. duty-	giving
8. make do and	loyalty
9. gift	mend
10. green	-washing
11. hand-me	cards
12. heir	-downs
13. home-	grown/ made
14. online	influencers
15. living	-looms
16. loyalty	mall
17. open-air/ flea/ antique/ indoor	market
18. shopping/ outlet	money
19. peer	pressure
20. pocket	standards
21. premium	-aholic
22. big/ impulse/ bulk	around
23. product/ online/ customer	hand shop
24. summer/ January	hunting
25. penny	pinching
26. shopping	products
27. bargain	purchase
28. second	review
29. shop	sales
30. window/ going/ doing the	shopping
31. e-	commerce
32. high/ main/ shopping	cycling
33. sneaker	habits/ patterns
34. spending	head
35. splash	lifting
36. treating	out
37. spending/ shopping	spree
38. status	stores
39. chain/ discount	street
40. up-	symbol
41. shop	yourself

Opinions vocabulary collocations and word formation presentation

Without looking above, join the words and parts of words on the left and right of the same section to make words and expressions related to giving opinions. Matches not above may also be possible, but there is probably only one way of matching them all.

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| 1. accept/ avoid / predict/sustain/ understand | -able/ -ably |
| 2. addict | -al/ -ally |
| 3. govern/ encourage/ improve | boomers |
| 4. baby | -en/ -ening |
| 5. advantage/ danger/ scandal | -ion |
| 6. trick/ trend | -ive |
| 7. (un)popular | -ity |
| 8. restrict | -ment |
| 9. threat | -ous |
| 10. environment/ tradition | -y |
| 11. research | -ager |
| 12. some | -atic |
| 13. Generation | cast |
| 14. worse | -er |
| 15. praise | -n/ -ning |
| 16. fore- | -table |
| 17. problem | -what |
| 18. regret | -while |
| 19. teen | -worthy |
| 20. worth | X/ Y/ Z/ Alpha |

Check as a class or above. Other matches may be possible, but there is probably only one way of matching them all.

Word formation presentation

Write as many different forms as you can of each word on the next page. Many versions not above are also possible.

Compare with above, brainstorm more, then compare your extra ideas as a class.

Consumerism vocabulary word formation

- afford
- allow
- consume
- dispose
- donate
- influence
- loyal
- material
- pay
- possess
- press
- produce
- thief
- value

Opinions vocabulary word formation

- addict
- advantage
- avoid
- benefit
- compare
- encourage
- example
- exceed
- legislate
- moral
- persuade
- popular
- predict
- priority
- probable
- problem
- reduce
- regret
- regulate
- research
- restrict
- scandal
- solve
- sustain
- threat
- tradition
- trend
- understand
- worse
- worth