

Men and shopping articles

Fill in the gaps below with a, an, the or –

_____ men's attitudes to shopping have changed a lot over the years in _____ Britain.

The husbands used to ...sit in _____ comfortable chairs and read their newspapers while their wives did _____ shopping.

Everyone knows that the women did all _____ food shopping.

Even as recently as _____ 1970s, married men never used to do _____ food shopping and some of them didn't even buy their own clothes- their wives did!

The men's clothes shop _____ Austin Reed used to have a shopping girlfriend service for _____ single men.

Nowadays, _____ most men buy their own clothes.

You see _____ husbands doing _____ weekly shopping in _____ supermarket all the time.

40 years ago, you didn't use to see _____ perfumes and _____ skincare products for _____ men. But now you can buy them everywhere.

Listen and check

Discussion

Which of the sentences is most surprising?

Which of the sentences above are true in your country?

How was shopping for men and women different in your parents' generation?

And in your grandparents' generation?

Grammar

Which grammatical forms in the sentences above can you use to talk about things that were true in the past but are not true now?

What are the two ways of saying the negative of that form, for things that didn't happen in the past?