

Flea Markets

Reading

- 1 Listen and read the article. In which market can children sell their things?

Flea markets, where old or used goods are sold, are usually good family fun. What better way to spend Sunday morning than browsing a huge variety of goods in an open air market! Sellers set up their tables with every imaginable item so that they can get rid of unwanted items and make some money too. Shoppers can wander around the market and, with a bit of luck, find a real bargain or two.

Chatuchak Market in Bangkok is the largest flea market in Thailand, and one of the largest flea markets in the world. There are over 5,000 stalls selling everything from food, pets and clothing to home decor. At Chatuchak Market you can bargain and ask for a better price. Don't be surprised if the same thing is bought by you and your friends at different prices! If you feel hungry after shopping and bargaining, there are food stalls selling iced refreshments, noodles and Thai-style fast food!

Nuremberg Trempelmarkt is Germany's biggest flea market. It is held twice every year, in the second weekend of May and September, in Nuremberg's Old Town. Although most of the 4,000 sellers can be found at the Main Market Square, the streets near the square also have many interesting bargains to offer. Children are given stalls for free so that they can sell their old or not-so-old toys.

Mapusa Market in Goa, India, has been around since 1580, and today it is as lively as ever. On Fridays, housewives and farmers from nearby villages come to the market to sell fresh fruit, spices, jewellery and rugs. Despite the very good prices, shoppers are expected to bargain! You should never pay the first price asked, whether you're buying dried fish or furniture.

Did you know?

Djemaa el-Fna in Marrakech, Morocco, is one of the most interesting market squares in the world. There are food stalls and entertainers like snake charmers, stotyellers, acrobats and dancers.

Comprehension

- 2 Write R (Right), W (Wrong) or DS (Doesn't say).

- Chatuchak Market has been around for a long time.
- You may buy the same item cheaper than your friends in Chatuchak Market.
- You can go to Nuremberg Trempelmarkt in the winter.
- Shoppers can bargain at Nuremberg Trempelmarkt.
- You can't shop in Mapusa Market at the weekend.
- Shoppers must pay the price written on goods in Mapusa Market.