



### ABOUT YOU

Answer the questions and talk about your ideas.

- 1 Do you know what kinds of markets there are in your town/neighbourhood?
- 2 What do they sell? Who goes there?
- 3 Do you like going to markets?
- 4 Do you think markets are cheaper than shops?
- 5 Are markets more fun to visit than shops?

Henry Mayhew (1812–1887) wrote about the people who lived and worked in London in the Victorian period. This extract is from a chapter where he describes the markets and shops of London. He writes about the very busy Saturday market and then describes the Sunday markets.

- 1 As you read the text, try to think how the market looks.

### 'The Sunday Markets' (1865)

Henry Mayhew

For a few hours on Sunday morning, the noises of the Saturday night market are repeated. Because many workers are **paid** late on the Saturday night, the Sunday market is the only chance of getting the Sunday dinner.

- 5 Of all these Sunday-morning markets, the Brill, perhaps, is the busiest scene. The streets in the neighbourhood are quiet and empty. The shops are closed and the people you see are dressed in their **shiny** Sunday clothes. There are no taxis or buses and men walk safely in the road.
- 10 As you enter the Brill, the market is quiet, but with each step it gets louder with noisy shouting until, at last, you hear the **confusion** of a thousand voices talking at once. The road and footpath are **crowded**, the men are standing in groups, smoking and talking; while the women run
- 15 around shopping for vegetables and meat. Only a few of the shops are closed and the **butcher** and baker are **surrounded** by customers . . . . The **pavement** is green with the leaves of vegetables, boys are running home with their



- breakfast in a piece of paper, suddenly the church **bells**
- 20 ring. The cries grow louder, the confusion greater. People run about and push because in half an hour the market will close. Soon the butcher closes his window but leaves the door open; the policemen in their clean gloves come round and make the street-sellers leave, and as the clock strikes
- 25 eleven the market finishes, and the Sunday rest begins.

### GLOSSARY

<b>paid</b>	given money for the work you did
<b>shiny</b>	very bright or clean
<b>confusion</b>	a situation that is confusing because there is a lot of noise and activity
<b>crowded</b>	very full of people
<b>butcher</b>	someone who prepares and sells meat
<b>surrounded</b>	have a lot of people or things near you
<b>pavement</b>	a path by the side of the road people walk on
<b>bells</b>	hollow metal objects that make a ringing sound

**2** Read the text again and answer the questions.

**1** Why is the market so busy on Sunday morning?

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## 2 What do people buy in the market?

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### 3 How is Sunday different from other days?

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4 Why do you think the word *run* appears several times?

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## VOCABULARY

**3** Complete the text with the words in the box.

crowded   paid   pavement   shiny   surrounded

I wanted to buy a pair of <sup>1</sup> ..... shoes – yellow or red. The shops were <sup>2</sup> ..... with people buying presents so I went to a market. I found a nice pair I really liked. I <sup>3</sup> ..... for them and walked around the market. But there were too many people walking on the <sup>4</sup> ..... and sometimes they <sup>5</sup> ..... me, so in the end I went home.

**4 Write down:**

- the name of three shiny things

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- three places where you see or hear bells

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- three crowded places

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- three things you pay for

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- three types of meat sold by a butcher

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## WRITING

**5** You are going to write a poster advertisement for a market. Think about these things.

- Where is it?
- When is it open (days/times)?
- What can you buy there?
- What makes this market special?
- Why will people enjoy going to this market?

Use this information to write your poster.

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## SPEAKING

**6** Work with a partner. Make conversations between a customer and a seller in a market. A tries to sell the items. B asks questions about the item and price. After Item 3, change roles.

### Items

- 1 a book
- 2 a piece of cheese
- 3 jeans
- 4 sunglasses
- 5 a football
- 6 fruit