

Video: “We need to get rid of some stuff” / Classroom activities

1 Which do you prefer and why? Compare with a partner.

PRE-WATCHING

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ordering things online | <input type="checkbox"/> buying things in a shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> throwing old things out | <input type="checkbox"/> keeping things, just in case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> selling used things on eBay® | <input type="checkbox"/> donating things to charity |

2 Have you done any of the things in Step 1 recently? Tell your classmates about the experience.

3 Watch the video. Why is the woman upset?

WATCHING

4 Watch the video again and tick what's true.

- a ☐ The man likes the idea of throwing things out.
- b ☐ The man orders things online because they are cheaper there.
- c ☐ The man is always too late to return things that don't work.
- d ☐ The man doesn't like writing complaint letters and arguing with customer services.
- e ☐ The woman pays for the things the man buys.
- f ☐ The woman breaks up with her boyfriend because he doesn't like her mother.

5 Rewrite the false sentences in Step 4 so that they are true and then compare with a partner.

6 Fill in the gaps with the missing preposition. Then check your answers in the video script.

with of ~~through~~ on out at

- a I'm just going through them to see if we can donate anything to the charity shop.
- b There's always something wrong _____ the stuff you buy, and you never notice it before the guarantee runs _____.
- c Yes, you are very good _____ complaining.
- d We really need to get rid _____ some stuff!
- e He's lazy, mean, and I've wasted four years _____ him.

7 In groups, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of getting rid of old stuff and keeping stuff just in case.

POST-WATCHING

- *One advantage of keeping old computers is that you might need computer parts for another computer. The disadvantage is that they take up a lot of space in the cellar.*