

# AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 40

## Describe a shopping center that you have visited or that you know about it

You should say:

- Where the shopping center is
- How people travel to the shopping center
- What kinds of shops it has
- And explain whether you think this is a good place to go shopping

Well, truth be told, I'm not much of a **shopaholic**, not that I don't like killing time **wandering around** stores and mall, don't get me wrong. I'd actually **pop in** places and **try on** clothes or start **fiddling with gizmos** and things you know in the case of electronic stores of course, time permitting. As a matter of fact, If I had a pick among the centers I regularly **drop by**, my choice would absolutely be this big mall situated right in downtown where people **swarm in day in day out**. Being locating in the heart of the town, this center enjoys easy access from any part of the city. Talking about the way people get there, There is the subway that people usually take, not to mention, there is also the **ragtag** public bus, that would get people from A to B, the last part was just **in jest** though, the bus is awesome. Well, here comes the best part, you can literally find just about anything in this center. Looking for a **sledgehammer** to kill your nosey neighbor? There is a good chance that you're actually gonna find it there. I think the types of shops to be running there have been perfectly thought out since there is no way you're gonna find two shops in the same business. The way I see it, this fact has helped expand the variety goods being sold there so they could cater to needs of the majority of the customers. To give you my final word about this center, gotta say this place is **a far cry** from any other garden variety malls you see **scattered** here and there.

## Language Focus

### Shopaholic

A shopaholic is a person considered to be addicted to shopping. Shopaholic can also refer to: A slang term for Compulsive Shopping also known as Compulsive buying disorder.

### Wander around

to walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction: We spent the morning wandering around the old part of the city.

### Pop in

to go into a building for a short time

**Try on**

to put on a piece of clothing in order to see how it looks and whether it fits

What a lovely dress! Why don't you try it on?

**Fiddle with**

to change or handle (something, such as the controls of a machine) in a way that shows one is not sure what to do

**Gismo**

a small piece of equipment – used when you cannot remember or do not know its correct name SYN gadget

**Drop by**

to visit someone you know, usually without arranging a particular time

**Swarm**

if people swarm somewhere, they go there as a large uncontrolled crowd:

**Day in day out**

continuously or repeatedly over a long period of time.

"I worked with you day in, day out"

**Ragtag**

a ragtag group is not tidy or properly organized: a ragtag fighting force

**In jest**

something you say that is intended to be funny, not serious SYN joke:

I wasn't sure whether to treat her words as a jest.

**in jest**

His serious face told me that he was not speaking in jest.

**Sledgehammer**

a large heavy hammer

**A far cry from**

be very different to.

