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Buy-Nothing Day

Buy Nothing Day started in 1993 and it is an international event which takes place in more than 55 countries around the globe. It is a simple idea

19 to challenge consumer culture and ask people to stop shopping

SHOP

20 for 24 hours. It is celebrated on the last Saturday in November, when in many parts of the world people have already started thinking about their Christmas shopping. On Buy Nothing Day people are encouraged to think about what they buy and the possible effects the product may have on the environment and on developing countries. Shopping itself

CELEBRATE

21 is not harmful, but what we buy can be. The organisers claim

NOT BE

22 that 20% of the world population consume 80% of the Earth's

EARTH

natural resources. They want us, as consumers, to think more about what we buy and to ask ourselves some questions before buying anything new.

Do I need this thing? How many do I already have? How much will I use it? Is it recyclable?

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The best of American theatre

Edwin Forrest was born in Philadelphia in 1806. He is often known as

23 America's _____ **first** _____ national idol of theatre.

ONE

24 He was only 14 years old when he _____ **played** _____ Young Norval in

PLAY

25 roles. In 1826 he established himself as the _____ **greatest** _____

GREAT

tragedian of the century with his role as Othello in a New York debut.

His last appearance in 1871 was greeted with acclaim.

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The importance of pets

Having friends is extremely important, and most people spend a lot of

[26] time with them. But is there another type of **friendship**

FRIEND

that they may be missing out on? Would having a pet be just as good?

There is some evidence to support this interesting suggestion. It's well-known that dogs can form bonds with people, and can show signs of

[27] unhappiness if their **owners** suddenly leave unexpectedly.

OWN

In the same way, some people feel as close to their pets as their human

[28] friends, gaining **strength** and comfort from their animals

STRONG

[29] It seems that the **connection** between animals and people goes

CONNECT

deeper than might be expected. Studies into the behaviour of gorillas

[30] show that these creatures have **emotional** relationships that are

EMOTION

not so different from our own. So although a pet may never completely

[31] **replace** a friend, there is clearly a place for both.

PLACE

"Well," Helen said, "36_____ I was walking home along that street near my house, a thief came up behind me and tore my necklace off my neck and ran away with it."

"I wish I'd been there," Mary said angrily. "If I had been, I'd have run after the man and I'd probably have caught him. But what are you going to do now? Have you been to the police?"

"No," Helen answered with a smile. "Why not?" Mary asked in surprise.

"Because," Helen answered, "when the man 37_____ my necklace, I turned round suddenly and put my hand out to try to stop him. I caught a chain which he was wearing round his neck and pulled it off him. My necklace was a cheap one which was not real silver; but this chain is 38_____ of real gold! If I went to the police, I might have to give it to them."

"Be careful on your way home," Mary said to Helen. "I would be happier if our houses were nearer." "Me too," answered Helen. The streets were very 34_____ at that time of the evening.

The next morning Helen and Mary met at an English class, and Helen 35_____ to Mary, "Do you know what happened to me after I left you yesterday evening?"

"No," answered Mary anxiously. "What happened to you?"

Text 1

Text 2