

What would you like?

READING Loads to do in Birmingham's city centre!

Read the text about points of interest in Birmingham, England. Some parts are missing. Choose the correct part (A–M) for each gap (1–10). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Loads to do in Birmingham's city centre!

Beware of the bull!

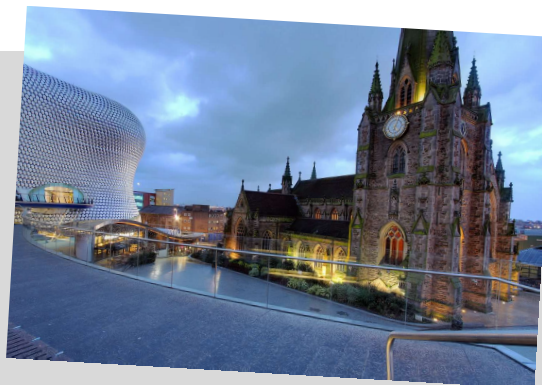
Don't let the fierce-looking bull at the entrance to the Bullring Shopping Centre put you off. Once inside you can (0) _____ goods in more than 160 stores on three floors, connected by lifts and escalators. Take in the modern architecture, including the award-winning Selfridges department store which features a façade covered in 15,000 aluminium discs.

If you can't make up your mind or just want to sit and be pampered, some stores offer personal shoppers. Once you have given them your 'brief' with your requirements, they will select clothes, shoes and other accessories for you and (1) _____ what to buy.

Shop till you drop in your favourite stores and take advantage of all the modern conveniences. For your comfort there is underground car parking, cashpoints in case you (2) _____ some money, customer service desks with friendly staff and long opening hours. We are even open on Sundays from 11 am till 5pm!

Time for a break?

Once you have tired yourself out shopping in the mall, you may be hungry and thirsty. Wander through the city streets to the renovated canalside area of Brindleyplace to find a wide range of restaurants and bars. Some of these overlook the canal itself so that you can (3) _____ the world go by. The various eateries offer a selection of hot meals and light meals, drinks and takeaway menus. There's a restaurant to suit every taste and most of these cater for vegetarians and vegans too. Relax with a pizza, salad, burger or sandwich and soak up the atmosphere of the surroundings.



Meanwhile, you can watch the barges go by, complete with their painted woodwork and cans of flowers.

Action-packed afternoon

After a restful lunch break, you can (4) _____ fun! Head for the nearby indoor National Sea Life Centre and feed the penguins or take a stroll through the 360° tunnel with sharks circling overhead. You can (5) _____ the interactive rockpool and touch a starfish or see a sea anemone close up. Watch the tranquil jellyfish float by or see the rays drifting in their pool. Listen as the expert staff tell you about the various sea creatures and their feeding habits. You're bound to have a whale of a time! Don't forget to (6) _____ the gift shop to remind you of your visit.

Before you go

If you're looking for something for your evening meal, make sure you pay a visit to the Open Market, where there's a wide range of fresh produce. Here you can (7) _____ market prices. Everything from bananas, apples and strawberries to beetroots, artichokes and potatoes. As if that weren't enough, a number of other stalls offer clothing, phone cases and lots more. It also (8) _____ meet the locals!

A	enjoy the enormous range of
B	dip your hand into
C	take an hour's bus ride to
D	set off for an afternoon of
E	buy all your fruit and veg at
F	gives you the chance to
G	want to take out
H	pick up some souvenirs from
I	sit on a bench in the fresh air at
J	help you decide
K	relax and watch

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A								



Answer key

READING Loads to do in Birmingham's city centre!

1 J, 2 G, 3 K, 4 D, 5 B, 6 H, 7 E, 8 F