

Convenience Store Culture

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Taiwan has the highest **density** of convenience stores in the world. There are over thirteen thousand stores across this small island, meaning one store for every two hundred people. The two biggest chains are 7-Eleven and FamilyMart, found on nearly every city block. These stores are open twenty-four hours a day, providing **constant** service to customers.

Convenience stores in Taiwan offer far more **services** than simply selling snacks and drinks. You can pay bills and parking tickets at the counter quickly. Customers pick up online shopping **packages** without waiting at home for delivery. You can buy train tickets, concert tickets, and print documents using machines inside. These stores have become essential **hubs** that handle dozens of daily tasks for busy people.

The food selection at Taiwan's convenience stores is surprisingly **diverse** and freshly prepared. Hot tea eggs, rice triangles, steamed buns, and boxed lunches are popular items. Many stores have seating areas where customers enjoy meals **comfortably** while using free wireless internet. Some locations feature specialized coffee bars that **rival** independent cafes. Students often study at convenience stores for the air conditioning, lighting, and affordable snacks.

The **evolution** of convenience stores in Taiwan reflects the country's rapid modernization. What began as simple shops has transformed into technology-driven community service centers. Modern stores feature self-checkout machines, digital payment systems, and fresh food areas. Some even offer laundry services, package shipping, and government document processing. The convenience store has become an **indispensable** part of Taiwanese life.

Tourists visiting Taiwan are often amazed by the convenience store culture they **encounter** here. Many travelers write about how these stores make daily life incredibly easy. The combination of affordable prices, extensive services, and welcoming atmosphere creates a unique experience. Taiwan's convenience store model has influenced other Asian countries to expand their offerings. These shops represent Taiwan's commitment to innovation and community-centered design.



A. Vocabulary

1. density _____
 2. constant _____
 3. services _____
 4. packages _____
 5. hubs _____
 6. diverse _____
 7. comfortably _____
 8. rival _____
 9. evolution _____
 10. indispensable _____
- a. helpful activities done for others
 - b. to compete with or equal in quality
 - c. to meet or experience something
 - d. having many different types or varieties
 - e. the process of gradual change and development
 - f. absolutely necessary and cannot live without
 - g. in a relaxed and pleasant way
 - h. how closely packed together things are
 - i. continuing without stopping
 - j. boxes or items delivered to you

B. True or False

1. Taiwan has the highest density of convenience stores in the world. ____
2. There are over twenty thousand convenience stores in Taiwan. ____
3. You can pay bills at convenience stores. ____
4. Convenience stores in Taiwan close at midnight. ____
5. Students often study at convenience stores. ____
6. You cannot buy train tickets at convenience stores. ____
7. Some stores have specialized coffee bars. ____
8. FamilyMart is one of the biggest chains in Taiwan. ____
9. Convenience stores only sell packaged snacks. ____

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: density, constant, packages, hubs, diverse, rival, indispensable

1. Taiwan has the highest _____ of convenience stores in the world.
2. These stores provide _____ service twenty-four hours a day.
3. Customers can pick up online shopping _____ at the store.
4. Convenience stores have become essential _____ for daily tasks.
5. The convenience store has become an _____ part of Taiwanese life.

D. Comprehension Questions

1. How many convenience stores are there in Taiwan?
2. What are the two biggest convenience store chains?
3. What services can you use at a convenience store besides buying food?
4. Why do students like to study at convenience stores?
5. How have convenience stores changed over the years in Taiwan?

E. Discussion Questions

1. How are convenience stores in Taiwan different from those in your country?
2. Do you think having so many convenience stores is good or bad for communities?
3. What new services would you add to a convenience store if you could?

Answer Key

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A. Vocabulary: 1-j, 2-e, 3-f, 4-c, 5-g, 6-h, 7-b, 8-i, 9-a, 10-d

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-T, 9-F

C. Fill Blanks: 1-density, 2-constant, 3-packages, 4-hubs, 5-indispensable

D. Comprehension:

1. Over thirteen thousand
2. 7-Eleven and FamilyMart
3. Pay bills, pick up packages, buy tickets, print documents
4. Air conditioning, good lighting, affordable snacks
5. From simple shops to technology-driven community service centers