



The Sharing Economy

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Today, many people **share** things instead of buying new ones. This is called the sharing economy. People use phone apps to share cars, houses, and other things. It is a new way to live and work.

One example is car sharing. If you need a ride, you can use an app to find a driver. The driver is often not a professional taxi driver. He or she just has a car and wants to make extra money. You get into the car with a **stranger**, but the app shows you the driver's name and photo first.

Another example is renting houses. Instead of staying in a hotel, you can **rent** a room from the owner of a house. This is often cheaper than a hotel. You can also meet local people and learn about their city.

You can also **borrow** things you do not use every day. For example, you can borrow tools, bikes, or even clothes. Many websites and apps work as a platform to connect people who have things with people who need things.

The sharing economy helps people save money. It also helps the environment because people buy fewer new things. But you must **trust** the other person. Always check reviews and photos before you share, rent, or borrow something from a stranger.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. share ____ | a. website or app that connects people |
| 2. rent ____ | b. believe someone is honest and good |
| 3. borrow ____ | c. person you do not know |
| 4. app ____ | d. keep money instead of spending it |
| 5. driver ____ | e. person who drives a car |
| 6. owner ____ | f. use something together with other people |
| 7. stranger ____ | g. pay money to use something for a short time |
| 8. trust ____ | h. use something that belongs to someone else and give it back later |
| 9. save ____ | i. computer program on a phone |
| 10. platform ____ | j. person who has something |

B. True or False

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| ___ 1. The sharing economy is a new way to share cars and houses. | ___ 2. People never use phone apps in the sharing economy. |
| ___ 3. A car-sharing driver is always a professional taxi driver. | ___ 4. You can rent a room from a house owner instead of staying in a hotel. |

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| ___ 5. Renting a room is always more expensive than a hotel. | ___ 6. You can borrow bikes and tools instead of buying them. |
| ___ 7. A platform is a person who drives a car. | ___ 8. The sharing economy can help the environment. |
| ___ 9. You should never check reviews before you meet a stranger. | ___ 10. The sharing economy can help people save money. |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: share, rent, borrow, stranger, trust, owner, driver, app

1. Many people _____ their car with others to make extra money.
2. You can _____ a room instead of staying in a hotel.
3. You can _____ tools from a neighbor instead of buying new ones.
4. Always check photos and reviews before you meet a _____.
5. You must _____ the other person before you share a ride.



D. Comprehension Questions

1. What is the sharing economy?
2. How can people rent a room instead of staying in a hotel?
3. Why is trust important in the sharing economy?

E. Discussion Questions

1. Would you rent a room in a stranger's house? Why or why not?
2. What things would you like to share or borrow instead of buying?



Answer Key

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

B. True/False: 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-F, 6-T, 7-F, 8-T, 9-F, 10-T

C. Fill Blanks: 1-share, 2-rent, 3-borrow, 4-stranger, 5-trust

D. Comprehension:

1. It is a new way for people to share things like cars and houses instead of buying new ones.
2. They can use an app to find and rent a room from a house owner.
3. People often share, rent, or borrow things from strangers, so they need to trust each other.