
Functional Skills Level 2

ENGLISH

Paper 1 Reading

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Source A**Can you *make* money buying trainers?**

As I ventured into the gloomy warehouse, my sense of smell was accosted in a way it had never been before...by the distinctive and distinctly unpleasant aroma of trainers! I began to distinguish what lay before me. It was a huge storage space packed with thousands of pairs of trainers – some worn, some new and it was this mammoth collection which was emitting the smell!

I was not alone though. I was astonished to see dozens of people, of whom 90% were male, perusing the various stalls and stands in pursuit of trainers. I was attending my first warehouse trainer sale!

These sales are events where trainer brands offer discounted prices on their products, often by selling off overstocked or discontinued items. Attending a trainer warehouse sale can be an amazing way to find good deals on trainers. Many warehouse sales offer discounts of more than 50% off the price of trainers, making it possible to purchase great trainers at a fraction of their original cost.

But, that wasn't what I was there for. I wanted to find out about buying trainers, not to wear but as an investment. I spoke to 20-year-old student Liam and was told 'Trainers can be a great investment.'



I was sceptical, so asked for more details. Someone who has had success with trainer investments is Chris Koehler, a trainer collector and investor who has been buying and selling trainers for nearly a decade. In an interview last year, Koehler shared that he once bought a limited-edition pair of Nike Air Mag Trainers for £5000 and sold them some years later for £20 000. The resale market for trainers has grown in the last 5 years.

In the end, I bought nothing, but learnt trainer warehouse sales can be a fun and exciting way to find great deals and connect with other trainer enthusiasts. If you're interested in attending a trainer warehouse sale, be sure to do your research and plan ahead to ensure a successful and enjoyable experience.

Source B

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The source is taken from the following website:

www.northamptonshirebootandshoe.org.uk/content/northampton/northampton-articles/the-world-famous-shoe-collection-northampton-museum-art-gallery



Source C

In 2013, unable to find a charity that could tell me where our son Sal's outgrown shoes would go if we donated them, I founded Sal's Shoes.



Children tend to outgrow their shoes before they outwear them and feet in shoes are protected feet. In shoes, feet are protected from injury and infection, and, in areas of low sanitation, the spread of disease. Shoes are difficult to recycle because of all the different components they are made of. Those which go to landfill can take 1000 years to decompose! So, we find your preloved children's shoes new feet. In our first year we collected just under 5000 pairs of shoes. Nine years on, we have now found new feet for over 4 million pairs of Sal's Shoes in 59 countries around the world, including here in the UK.

School Shoes Fund

There are 4.2 million children living in poverty in the UK. Due to rising poverty, it is estimated 1.7 million kids attend school in badly fitting and incorrect footwear. The School Shoes Fund initiative allows us to have money available to buy needy schoolchildren in the UK a new pair of school shoes, to give them that extra spring in their step.

With the contacts we have, and the money we raise with your help, the more pairs we can purchase at a discounted rate. We also provide new wellies for outdoor play and walking to school in wet weather, and PE trainers, if funding allows.



We are run by volunteers but need more money to continue passing on the shoes you donate. If you can help then please donate via our website.

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