



As you read the text, highlight or underline key ideas about locations, events, and types of stores.



## Advanced Reading: Shopping in Johnson County, Iowa

Johnson County has many places to shop, from big chain stores to small local shops. One popular place is Coral Ridge Mall in Coralville, not far from Iowa City. It has big stores like Target, JCPenney, and Best Buy, along with smaller shops and a big food court. You can also watch a movie at the Marcus Theater or go ice skating inside the mall.



If you like to support small businesses, downtown Iowa City has many unique stores. For example, Revival sells stylish clothes for women, and Prairie Lights is a famous bookstore that hosts author readings and literary events. You can walk along the pedestrian mall, enjoy street music, or stop for coffee at one of the many nearby cafés.



If you're looking for brand names at lower prices, Coralville also has stores like TJ Maxx, Ross Dress for Less, and Burlington. These stores sell clothes, shoes, home items, and accessories at discount prices. Many people shop here to find good-quality items for less money.



There are shopping areas like Iowa River Landing. These place have stores like Von Maur, Trader Joe's, and Lululemon. People come here to buy organic food, drinks, and brand-name clothes.

Every June, downtown Iowa City hosts the Iowa Arts Festival. This is a free weekend event with art, music, food, and fun activities for families. Streets are full of booths, live shows, and people enjoying all kinds of art. It's one of the biggest summer events and a great way to support local artists.



If you're shopping on a budget or want something unique, try the thrift stores in the area. Stores like Crowded Closet, Plato's Closet, and Goodwill sell second-hand clothes, furniture, books, and more at low prices. These shops are popular with students, families, and people who care about the environment.

No matter what your budget or style is, Johnson County offers a mix of convenience, variety, and local charm.

Now that you've read the passage, answer the questions on the next page.

Take your time and use the text to help you.



## Short Answer Questions



- What two fun activities can people do at Coral Ridge Mall besides shopping?
- What can you see or do in the pedestrian mall in downtown Iowa City?
- Why do people like shopping at TJ Maxx, Ross, or Burlington?
- What kind of items can people buy at Iowa River Landing?
- What makes the Iowa Arts Festival special?
- When does the Iowa Arts Festival take place?
- Name two thrift stores in Johnson County.
- What can you buy at thrift stores?
- How do thrift stores help the community?
- Why do some people prefer shopping at small local businesses?

