

Words by Theme Self-assessment

Complete an interview with the owners of a small bookstore with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Adjective: blessed financial gratifying homogenous indigenous
memorable unique

Idiom: weather the storm **Noun:** budget savings

Verb: accommodate tear down

Preserving the Unique Charm of Book Corner

Interviewer: Mr and Mrs Tang, you've been running Book Corner in Sheung Wan for years. How have the changes in recent years affected small businesses like yours?

Mr Tang: As more small businesses disappear, our neighbourhood feels more (1) _____ than ever. Small shops like ours add personality to the neighbourhood and make it special. We provide a / an (2) _____ experience to our customers. They never forget how we took time to get to know their taste and preference.

Mrs Tang: Bookstore chains can't provide this. For them, it's all about (3) _____ gain.

Interviewer: How do you keep your business going on such a small (4) _____?

Mrs Tang: To cut down on expenses, we moved to a smaller place last year. We now have less space to (5) _____ our books. But we are (6) _____ with very loyal customers. They told me my thoughtful recommendations on books are (7) _____ moments for them. Because of these rewarding experiences, they keep coming back to us.

Interviewer: Aren't you worried about the future? How will you (8) _____?

Mr Tang: Well, in the worst case, we have enough (9) _____ to sustain the shop for nine months.

Mrs Tang: Don't be silly. The funds are intended for our holidays. Realistically, we can't hold out for much longer if old buildings are continuously (10) _____ and the (11) _____ character of Sheung Wan is destroyed.

Interviewer: I've always loved how (12) _____ Book Corner is. The spirit of your shop can't be found elsewhere. I wish you both the energy and good luck to keep your business going!