

## Activity 2 (10 points)

**Direction** Read the passage carefully. Then complete the tasks below.

1. Identify the **topic** of the passage.
2. Find the **main idea** of the passage in one sentence.
3. Identify the **facts** used in the passage.
4. Find where the **opinions** are in the passage.



Blind boxes create excitement through dopamine, but they can also cause problems for some people. Dopamine is a chemical in the brain that helps people feel happy and excited. The brain releases dopamine when people enjoy something new or unexpected. This feeling can make people want to do the same thing again.

Blind boxes are very popular today, especially with young people. A blind box is a box that people cannot see inside before opening. Many blind boxes contain small toys or figures. One famous brand, POP MART, sells blind boxes with cute and special designs. Buyers often feel excited before opening the box because they do not know which toy they will get.

Research on blind box buyers shows that surprise is very important. Not knowing what is inside makes people feel more excited and happy. It seems that opening a blind box gives a strong good feeling, even before seeing the toy. Some people enjoy the feeling of opening the box more than the toy itself.

However, research also shows some problems. Some people keep buying blind boxes to get a toy they want or to feel excited again. This can make them spend too much money. Others feel unhappy when they do not get the toy they hope for. Overall, blind boxes show how surprise and dopamine affect people's behaviour, but people have different opinions about whether blind boxes are good or bad.

## Questions

1. What is the topic of the passage?

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2. Which sentence can be the main idea of the passage?

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3. Identify the facts used in the passage.

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4. Find where the opinions are in the passage.

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