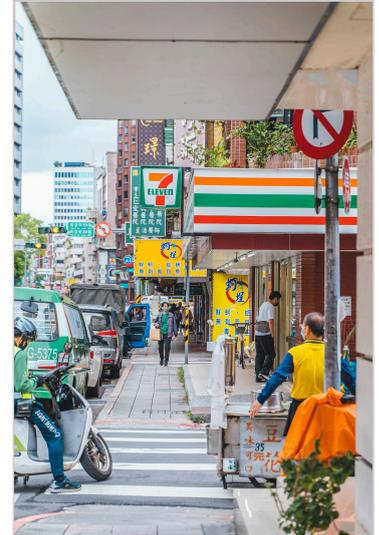


Convenience Store Culture

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Taiwan has the highest **density** of convenience stores in the entire world compared to population size. There are over thirteen thousand stores across this small island, meaning one store for every two hundred people approximately. The two biggest chains are 7-Eleven and FamilyMart, and they are found on nearly every city block. These stores are open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, providing **constant** service to customers. Walking through any Taiwanese neighborhood, you will likely spot multiple convenience stores within just minutes easily.



Convenience stores in Taiwan offer far more **services** than simply selling snacks and drinks to customers daily. You can pay electricity bills, water bills, and parking tickets at the store counter very quickly. Customers pick up online shopping **packages** without needing to wait at home for a delivery person to arrive. You can even buy train tickets, concert tickets, and print documents using machines inside every store. These stores have become essential **hubs** that handle dozens of daily tasks for busy Taiwanese people everywhere.

The food selection at Taiwan's convenience stores is surprisingly **diverse** and freshly prepared each morning. Hot tea eggs, rice triangles, steamed buns, and boxed lunches are among the most popular daily items. Many stores have seating areas where customers can enjoy their meals **comfortably** while using free wireless internet. Some locations even feature specialized coffee bars that **rival** the quality of independent cafes and shops. Students often study at convenience stores because they offer air conditioning, good lighting, and affordable snacks nearby.

The **evolution** of convenience stores in Taiwan reflects the country's rapid modernization over recent decades total. What began as simple shops selling basic goods has transformed into technology-driven community service centers entirely. Modern stores feature self-checkout machines, digital payment systems, and fresh food preparation areas throughout. Some stores even offer laundry services, package shipping, and government document processing for local residents daily. The convenience store has become an **indispensable** part of Taiwanese infrastructure and everyday life completely.

Tourists visiting Taiwan are often amazed by the convenience store culture they **encounter** here regularly. Many travelers write about how these stores make daily life incredibly easy and stress-free during travel. The combination of affordable prices, extensive services, and welcoming atmosphere creates a unique retail experience worldwide. Taiwan's convenience store model has influenced other Asian countries to expand their own store offerings and services. These humble shops represent Taiwan's commitment to innovation, customer service, and community-centered urban design beautifully.

A. Vocabulary

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| 1. density _____ | a. boxes or items delivered to you |
| 2. constant _____ | b. the process of gradual change and development |
| 3. services _____ | c. absolutely necessary and cannot live without |
| 4. packages _____ | d. to meet or experience something |
| 5. hubs _____ | e. in a relaxed and pleasant way |
| 6. diverse _____ | f. how closely packed together things are |

7. comfortably _____

8. rival _____

9. evolution _____

10. indispensable _____

g. to compete with or equal in quality

h. continuing without stopping

i. helpful activities done for others

j. having many different types or varieties

B. True or False

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| 1. Taiwan has the highest density of convenience stores in the world. _____ | 2. There are over twenty thousand convenience stores in Taiwan. _____ | 3. You can pay bills at convenience stores. _____ |
| 4. Convenience stores in Taiwan close at midnight. _____ | 5. Students often study at convenience stores. _____ | 6. You cannot buy train tickets at convenience stores. _____ |
| 7. Some stores have specialized coffee bars. _____ | 8. FamilyMart is one of the biggest chains in Taiwan. _____ | 9. Convenience stores only sell packaged snacks. _____ |

C. Fill in the Blanks

Word Bank: density, constant, packages, hubs, diverse, rival, indispensable

- Taiwan has the highest _____ of convenience stores in the world.
- These stores provide _____ service twenty-four hours a day.
- Customers can pick up online shopping _____ at the store.
- Convenience stores have become essential _____ for daily tasks.
- The convenience store has become an _____ part of Taiwanese life.

D. Comprehension Questions

- How many convenience stores are there in Taiwan?
- What are the two biggest convenience store chains?
- What services can you use at a convenience store besides buying food?
- Why do students like to study at convenience stores?
- How have convenience stores changed over the years in Taiwan?

E. Discussion Questions

- How are convenience stores in Taiwan different from those in your country?
- Do you think having so many convenience stores is good or bad for communities?
- What new services would you add to a convenience store if you could?

Answer Key

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

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

C. Fill Blanks: 1-density, 2-constant, 3-packages, 4-hubs, 5-indispensable

D. Comprehension: 1. Over thirteen thousand; 2. 7-Eleven and FamilyMart; 3. Pay bills, pick up packages, buy tickets, print documents; 4. Air conditioning, good lighting, affordable snacks; 5. From simple shops to technology-driven community service centers