

Malls are not all exactly alike, however. In a suburb of a large city, the local mall may be large and beautiful. It may be several stories high, housing as many as fifty businesses. These can range from small speciality shops to large luxury department stores. The roofs of these malls are sometimes made of glass and there may be a courtyard with plants and fountains. In a poor, rural town, however, the local mall may be plain and rather small. It may offer only essential shopping and services, such as a supermarket, a pizza parlour, a card and gift shop, a Laundromat, and a bank. All the shops are generally on one level, and the interior of the mall is plain and undecorated.