

Buying & Selling Online



To get a real good review of many online auction sites visit:

<http://online-auction-sites.toptenreviews.com>

While eBay has been the champion of online auctions in the United States for years, lately there has been [talk](#) of lower sales and an exodus by sellers.

With the declining economy, where can buyers and sellers turn? Where will one get rid of that junk that's been sitting in their garage for years? Luckily eBay is not the only game in town, and we have a sampling of the Top 10 different sites for you to try.

1. [ebay.com](#) – an online auction and shopping website in which people and businesses buy and sell goods.

Ebay has online tutorials to learn how to buy and sell: <http://pages.ebay.com/education/index.html>

Other video demo: <http://www.butterscotch.com/tutorial/Do-More-With-EBay>

2. [webstore.com](#) - Pros: There are no fees. Seriously, none. Cons: Because advertisers pay for the site, you have to deal with a few ads. The Verdict: If you like free and don't mind a few ads, this is a great place to buy and sell online.

3. [eBid.net](#): Currently eBid has 3 membership levels available for new members, **Buyer** (free) buyer only, **Seller** (free but requires credit/debit card verification) occasional seller, final value fees are 3%, **Seller Plus+** subscription based membership aimed at professional sellers with a recurring fee, and payable every 7,30,90 or 365 days.

4. [OnlineAuction.com](#) – Basic Online Auction registration is free, but verification will cost you \$4 a month, and selling will cost you \$8 a month. Paying the selling fee will keep you from paying any final value fees. This site has a better user base than most and a useful set of features. If you're looking for an alternative auction site to eBay, OnlineAuction is certainly an option. **Standout Features:** Completely Free Listings, No Final Value Fees and Phone Support Available.

5. [Oztion.com](#) - OZtion first began its life in 2005 with a very modest membership. In 2006 OZtion won the "Best New Site" award by ACP's Australian NetGuide magazine and went on to win several Hitwise "Top 10 Site" awards. We have quickly grown to become the 2nd largest dedicated online auction website in Australia. At the heart of the business is the OZtion philosophy - offer a superior product and service to both buyers and sellers to ensure everyone has a great trading experience. Attracted by the combination of friendly customer service, choice of items, value and our fair sale fees, it's a concept online shoppers are embracing.

6. [Overstock.com](#) – Well known for their television ads and selling overstocked goods, Overstock allows users to list auctions on their site. They do have listing fees as well as final value fees. Overstock.com provides comprehensive buying details and feedback about every user on the site.

7. [Webidz.com](#) – While it is free to list auctions, open a store and bid, Webidz charges you \$5.00 to become a verified member, and you will be charged this fee any time you change your personal information. This online auction provides a reliable, easy to use service with extensive search options. WeBidz's Auction Manager helps you manage your auction inventory and import auctions and feedback from other auction websites, so switching to WeBidz or supplementing it with another site is easy.

8. [CQout.com](#) (pronounced "seek you out," get it?) is a decent [online](#) auction venue and offers good features for both buyers and sellers. However, the options are limited and weak in comparison to the best reviewed online auction services.


9. uBid.com is significantly different from the other online auction services reviewed. uBid.com is unique in that it doesn't rely on members to post products and items. Most items available are excess inventory items sold new through uBid's warehouse or affiliate manufacturers, distributors or resellers. Therefore, all products are shipped from legitimate businesses.

10. Bidmacs.com Pros: You don't have to worry about other people scamming you on this site. Cons: There is no option for selling your own items. The Verdict: For a real auction experience and great buying opportunities, this site is great.

shopgoodwill.com – anticipating Goodwill's from across the country offer for auction on the site a wide array of art, antiques and collectibles. Items auctioned come from donations made to Goodwill stores. ShopGoodwill is a great site to look for unique items and support the mission of Goodwill to fund education and training for people with disabilities.

Other Sites Beyond the Top Ten List

Bidtopia.com – Bidtopia has some unique ideas in that bidding and selling have to be done from separate accounts. The site only charges final value fees and focuses heavily on \$.99 auctions.

Bonanzle.com – The site allows you to import your existing items from eBay and Craigslist () , encourages direct contact between buyers and sellers, and prides itself on a quick listing process.

craigslist.com: Local classifieds and forums for more than 550 cities in over 50 countries worldwide - community moderated, and largely free.

etsy.com – your place to buy and sell all things handmade.

iOffer.com – iOffer is not an auction site, but lets you buy and sell after negotiating with other users. Offers you the chance to import your items and reputation from eBay and other sites.

TheSOCEXchange.com – SOC Exchange charges a flat rate of \$1 a month or \$10 a year for unlimited auction listings.

Just a few of many reference books that you can checkout at our library:

- Absolute beginner's guide to eBay / Michael Miller.
- Guide to eBay Absolute beginner's guide to eBay (eBook).
- eBay Motors the smart way : selling and buying cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, parts, accessories, and much more on the web's #1 auction site / Joseph T. Sinclair, Don Spillane.
- Ebay for dummies / by Marsha Collier.
- Sams teach yourself eBay in a snap / Preston Gralla.
- Selling online 2.0 : Migrating from eBay to Amazon, Craigslist, and Your Own E-Commerce Website.
- Craigslist 4 everyone by Lloyd, Jenna. 2009.
- 24 hours on Craigslist [videorecording], Gibson, Michael Ferris. 2006.

Provided by: The Twinsburg Public Library