Vending Machines Move Beyond the Candy Bar

**Vocabulary**

- **vending machine**: a machine that sells something, such as coffee or cigarettes
- **automated**: operating automatically
- **accessories**: extra things that go together with a major item
- **pause**: stop for a moment
- **get stuck**: stop moving because of an obstruction
- **interaction**: relations between people (social, verbal…)
- **social skills**: skills in having relationships with other people
- **legend has it**: according to old stories
- **dispense**: distribute, give
- **new era**: a new period of history

**Questions**

1. How much do Americans spend on vending machines every year?

2. What unusual products have been tried in the past?

3. What is the company Zoom Systems selling? Where are they putting the machines?

4. Two shoppers give their opinions. Do they like this new idea? Why or why not?

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5. When was the first vending machine in history? What did it sell?

6. When did the first vending machine appear in the US? Where? What did it sell?

7. How do you pay for your purchase in a Zoom Systems machine?