



Shops and shopping

Lesson code: JQVB-XLFB-EFFV-A

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Shops

Match the shops below to the things that you can buy there.

a chemist's

a convenience store

a stationer's

a baker's

a fishmonger's

an electronics shop

a butcher's

a grocer's

an off-license

a clothes shop

a jeweller's

an optician's

1. aspirin, antibiotics, a plaster, toothpaste: a chemist's
2. fresh bread, pastries: _____
3. a newspaper, bread, vegetables, a light bulb: _____
4. paper, pens, a stapler, a folder: _____
5. carrots, tomatoes, milk, a cucumber: _____
6. beef, chicken breasts, lamb: _____
7. fresh salmon, fresh tuna, prawns: _____
8. beer, wine, whiskey: _____
9. a microwave oven, a digital camera, a laptop: _____
10. glasses, contact lenses: _____
11. a watch, a ring, a bracelet: _____
12. jeans, a jacket, boots, shirts, a dress: _____

2 Quantities

Match the columns to form phrases.

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| 1. a pair of | a. Coca Cola, beer |
| 2. a kilo of | b. glasses, contact lenses |
| 3. a bottle of | c. milk, orange juice |
| 4. a can of | d. tomatoes, beef |
| 5. a carton of | e. wine, whiskey, water |

In pairs, have a conversation about the items in Exercise 1. For example:

A: Where can I buy a carton of ...?

B: You can buy it in a

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3 People in shops

Match the people to what they do:

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| 1. a cashier | a. buys products in a shop |
| 2. a customer | b. cuts and prepares meat for customers |
| 3. a shop assistant | c. manages a shop |
| 4. a shopkeeper | d. owns and manages a small shop |
| 5. a butcher | e. serves customers in a shop |
| 6. the manager | f. takes payments and gives receipts in a shop or bank |
| 7. a security guard | g. watches customers and makes sure that they don't steal anything |

4 Describing shops

Complete the sentences:

expensive
exclusive

convenient
fresh

crowded
open

empty
slow

- I don't have enough money to shop there. It's too expensive .
- Shopping centres are really _____ . You can find everything you need.
- It took ages to pay for my shopping. The service was really _____ .
- I prefer to buy food in a market because it's very _____ .
- This shop is very _____ -- it sells clothes only for rich people.
- You can shop at my local convenience store any time of the day or night. It's always _____ .
- This shop is completely _____ -- there's nobody here.
- This shop is really _____ -- there are too many people.

5 Talking point

Discuss any of the questions below:

- What shops are in your neighbourhood?
- Do you like shopping centres? Why/why not?
- What is your favourite shop? Why?
- What is your least favourite shop? Why?
- Where do you prefer to shop? In a small shops? In a supermarkets or hypermarkets? Why?

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6 Shopping expressions

Complete the dialogues below with the questions and sentences. Read the dialogue in pairs.

Can I have 200 grammes?
Do you sell tea?
That's everything

Can I have a receipt, please?
How much is that beef?
Where can I find the vegetables?

Can I try on this jacket?
No thanks, I'm just looking.
~~Do you have them in a size 8?~~

Customer: I like these shoes. Do you have them in a size 8?

Shop assistant: Yes, we do. Would you like to try them on?

Customer: Yes, please.

Customer: _____ 2

Butcher: It's 5 pounds a kilo.

Customer: Fine. _____ 3

Butcher: Sure. Here you are. Anything else?

Customer: No, thanks. _____ 4 .

Shop assistant: Do you need any help?

Customer: _____ 5

Shop assistant: OK. I'm here if you need me.

Customer: Thanks.

Customer: Excuse me. _____ 6

Shop assistant: Over there, next to the fruit section.

Customer: Hi. _____ 7

Shop assistant: Sure. The changing rooms are over there.

Cashier: That's 50 pounds, please.

Customer: Here you are. _____ 8

Cashier: Sure. Just a second.

Customer: Hello. _____ 9

Shopkeeper: No we don't, I'm afraid. We only have coffee.

In pairs, read the dialogues.

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7 Practice

You are shopping in a large hypermarket. Read the situations below. What do you say to the staff?

1. You want to know if it is possible to buy coffee.
2. You see a shirt that you like. You want to see how it looks on you.
3. You see a pair of boots that you like. Ask if they have your size.
4. You see a digital camera. Ask how much it costs.
5. The shop assistant asks if you need any help. You don't need help.
6. You want to buy some strawberries. About half a kilo.
7. You are looking for fruit juice.
8. You want to know if it is possible to buy printing paper.
9. You see a pair of sandals that you like. Ask if they have your size.
10. You pay for your shopping but the cashier forgets to give you a receipt.