

Buying clothes

Lesson code: JQVB-U9MB-F49S-4

PRE-INTERMEDIATE

1 Clothes vocabulary

In pairs, how many of the clothes and accessories below can you name?



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____



11. _____



12. _____

Can you think of any more clothes?

How often do you wear the clothes above? Make sentences with 'rarely', 'sometimes', 'often', 'never', 'every day', 'once/twice/three times a week/month/year', for example:

"I wear shorts three times a week."

"I sometimes wear a hat."

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2 Buying clothes

A woman is shopping for some clothes. Listen and answer the questions.

1. What does she want to buy?
2. What colour does she choose?
3. What is her size?
4. Does she like it?
5. How much does it cost?
6. Does she take it?

3 Shopping expressions

Now complete the dialogue and listen again to check your answers.

Do you have it
I'd like to try on
May I help you

How about
I'll take it
What size are you

How much is it
I'm looking for
Where are

- Sales clerk:** _____¹, madam?
- Customer:** Yes, please. _____² a nice sweater.
- Sales clerk:** Any particular colour?
- Customer:** Red or green.
- Sales clerk:** _____³ this red one?
- Customer:** It looks nice. _____ in green as well?
- Sales clerk:** Yes, we do. Here you are. What do you think?
- Customer:** _____ the green one.
- Sales clerk:** Sure. _____ ?
- Customer:** A 36.
- Sales clerk:** Here you are.
- Customer:** _____⁷ the changing rooms?
- Sales clerk:** Over there.....It suits you.
- Customer:** Yes, I agree. _____⁸ ?
- Sales clerk:** It's 20 pounds.
- Customer:** Fine. _____⁹.

Read the dialogue in pairs. Change roles and read it again.

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Now listen the end of another shopping dialogue and complete the conversation below:

Customer: It looks _____¹. How much is it?

Sales clerk: It's 150 pounds.

Customer: Oh, that's very _____². I need to _____³ about it.

Read the dialogue in pairs. Change roles and read it again.

4 Role play

In pairs, look at the clothes below. Take turns to be sales clerk and customer. Customers, choose an item from the column 'I'm looking for ...'. Sales clerks, use the information in the column 'We have ...'. Use your own size and decide if you want to buy the item or not.

I'm looking for ...	We have ...
shorts for the beach a T-shirt, a shirt for work black shoes (for women) boots a hat	shorts in blue, white and green -- \$20 T-shirts in white, red and pink -- \$10 shirts in white, orange and pink -- \$200 shoes with and without high heels -- \$30 boots for winter (\$50), boots for spring (\$500) hats in grey, brown and white -- \$10

5 Talking point

Discuss any of the following questions:

1. Where do you go shopping for clothes?
2. What is your favourite brand? Why?
3. Do people wear nice clothes in your country?