



At the clothes shop

Lesson code: 11IX-ELDI-2IT

INTERMEDIATE

1 Warm-up

Where do you usually go shopping for clothes? Why?

2 The clothes shop

Complete the sentences below with the following words:

bargain
menswear

department
refund

designer
sale

discount
stock

footwear
tailor

1. This jacket was on _____ when I bought it. It usually costs twice as much.
2. _____ clothes, such as Gucci jeans and Armani suits are usually very expensive.
3. We sell a wide variety of _____ including walking boots, high-heeled shoes and trainers.
4. You can find suits, ties and shirts in the _____ section.
5. In a _____ store you can find a wide range of different products.
6. These jeans are too long. They were the last pair in the shop, so I think I'll take them to a _____ to get them shortened.
7. I only paid \$10 for this sweater. It was a real _____ .
8. They give you a 10% _____ if you buy more than three items.
9. Michael didn't like the jacket I bought for him, so I took it back and asked for a _____ .
10. The book I wanted was out of _____ . The shop assistant told me to come back next Friday.

3 UK/US English

Match the British English words on the left to their American English equivalents on the right.

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| 1. till | a. pants |
| 2. shop | b. pantyhose |
| 3. trousers | c. register |
| 4. trainers | d. salesclerk |
| 5. shop assistant | e. sneakers |
| 6. tights | f. store |



4 Listening

Listen to the dialogue. Tick the items that the customer buys.

- Jumper
- Pair of jeans
- Shirt



5 Shopping and buying clothes

Now listen again and fill in the gaps:

Shop assistant: Do you need any help there?

Customer: Yes, do you have any jumpers like these _____ ¹ ?

Shop assistant: No, I'm afraid we've _____ ² the red ones.

Customer: Oh, that's a shame. Do you have these jeans _____ ³ ?

Shop assistant: Hmm...I'll just _____ ⁴ in the stock room...You're in luck. This is the last pair.

Customer: Great! Where can I _____ ⁵ ?

Shop assistant: The changing rooms are over there.

Customer: They fit fine. I _____ ⁶ them. Do you have this shirt _____ ⁷ ?

Shop assistant: Yes, we do. Would you like to _____ ⁸ ?

Customer: Yes...It looks OK, but I think _____ ⁹ .

Shop assistant: Fine. Are you paying cash or by credit card?

Customer: Cash.

Shop assistant: That's 50 pounds, please.

Customer: Here you are.

Shop assistant: Here's your _____ ¹⁰ . Goodbye.

Asking for an item: _____

Asking to try on an item: _____

Deciding to buy: _____

Deciding not to buy: _____



6 Clothing material

Match the materials on the left with the clothes that they are most typically used to make.

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| 1. leather | a. jeans |
| 2. wool | b. jumper |
| 3. cotton | c. shoes |
| 4. silk | d. sweater |
| 5. cashmere | e. tie |
| 6. denim | f. T-shirt |

In pairs, describe what your clothes are made of. Use a dictionary if necessary.

7 Role play

In pairs, role play the following situations. Take turns to be shop assistant and customer.

Role play 1 Customer: You want to buy a jumper, a shirt, and a pair of trousers. You see a shirt and a pair of trousers that you like. You see a nice blue jumper, but you'd prefer it in black.

Shop assistant: Black jumpers are out of stock, and only the trousers are in the customer's size.

Role play 2 Customer: You like a sweater and a pair of shoes. Ask the shop assistant if they have the sweater in another colour of your choice and if they have the shoes in your size. Try on the items and decide whether to buy.

Shop assistant: Help the customer.

Role play 3 Customer: You see a jacket that you like. Decide whether to buy.

Shop assistant: Try to sell the jacket to your customer. Talk about its material and ask if the customer would like to try it on.

8 Vocabulary development

Learn and review the English words for different clothes, accessories, fabrics and materials. Go to <http://www.linguahouse.com/learning-english/general-english/clothing/1f016f5c-3584-9744-a9e8-e0b5ab0594c8/> or scan the code on the right with your mobile device.

