



English : Common Core Classes

Unit 4 (Shopping) - Communication

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I- Activities

1-1/ Shopping Places

Giving and eliciting information

Well, let me see

I'm not sure, let me think for a minute.....

I'm sorry, I really don't know.

I've got no idea.

Activity 1

- Practise this conversation with your partner :

A: Do you know a good place to buy antiques?

B: Well, let me see. Oh yeah, there is a thrift shop on Baker Street.

A: Do they have old paintings?

B: I'm not sure; you'll have to go and see. I know they have very good furniture, but I really don't know about paintings.

A: Do you know a good place to buy hats?

B: I've got no idea.

Activity 2

Look at your own cue card and follow the instructions to have a conversation with your partner :

Student A

1. You want to buy a Russian dictionary. Ask about a place to buy books.
2. You know a good place to buy sport shoes. It's a shoe shop downtown, but you don't know if they have football shoes.
3. You are a visitor, and you want to buy a watch, a Moroccan carpet, and a suit. Have conversations with your partner. You don't know one place.

Student B

1. You know a good place to buy books. It's a bookshop on Denver Street, but you don't know if they have Russian dictionaries.
2. You want to buy football shoes. Ask about a good place to buy sport shoes.
3. You are a visitor, and you want to buy a postcard, an old clock, and a pair of jeans. Have conversations with your partner. You don't know one place.

1-2/ Shopping Around

Expressing preferences / Making comparisons

Which one / ones do you like better?

I like the red one / ones better

Which one / ones do you prefer?

I prefer the cotton one / ones.

The design is nicer.

The colour is prettier.

The style is more attractive.

The material is better.

Activity 1

- Practise this conversation with your partner :

A: Excuse me. I'd like to buy a shirt.

B: Look at these. Which one do you prefer / like better?

A: I prefer / like the green one. How much is it?

B: It's \$20.50.

A: That's kind of expensive.

B: How about this blue one? It's only \$15.90.

A: That's a good price, and the style is more attractive. I'll take it.

Activity 2

- Look at your own cue card and follow the instructions to have a conversation with your partner :

Student A

1. You want to buy a brown jacket.
You have only \$80
2. You have 2 ties.
1 silk, \$20.25
1 polyester, \$12.50
3. You want to buy leather gloves.
You have only \$20.

Student B

1. You have 2 jackets.
1 black, \$140
1 brown, \$120
2. You want to buy a silk tie.
You have only \$15
3. You have 2 pairs of gloves:
1 wool, \$17.95.
1 leather, \$25.50.

1-3/ Shopping around the World

Requesting and offering help	
Salesperson	Shopper
- Can I help you, sir? - Can I help you, madam? - How can I help you? - Do you see anything you like?	- Excuse me. I'm looking for ... - Could I see that one? - Do you have anything cheaper? - Could you help me? - Could you put it in a bag / box, please?

Activity 1

- Practise this conversation :

Salesperson : Can I help you, sir?

Customer : I'm looking for a raincoat, size 42.

Salesperson : Here's one for £250.

Customer : Could I see that one, over there? How much is it?

Salesperson : That one's cheaper, only £150, but it is not real leather.

Customer : OK. I'll take it. Could you put it in a bag for me, please?

Salesperson : Here you are. And that's your change.

Customer ; Thank you for your help.

Salesperson : Please come again.

Activity 2

- Look at your own cue card and follow the instructions to have a conversation with your partner :

Student A

1. You have 2 jackets, size 38. One jacket for £150 and one for 85. The second one is not real leather.
2. You want to buy a ring? You have £40.

Student B

1. You want to buy a jacket. You have £90.
2. You have 2 rings. One for £90 and one for £35. The second one is just silver, not gold.

II- Practice

2-1/ Exercise 1

Match the shopping places with their definitions :

1. Can I exchange this? 2. Can I have my money back? 3. Can I pay by check? 4. Can I try this jacket on? 5. Do these pants fit me? 6. Does this jacket suit me? 7. I'm afraid I only have a £ 10 note.	• a. Of course, if you have a bankcard. • b. I'm afraid we don't give refund. • c. Certainly. There is a changing room over there. • d. They're a little too small. Try a larger size. • e. If you have a receipt. • f. That's all right. I can change it. • g. Yes, it's just the right colour and size for you.
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2-2/ Exercise 2

Complete the dialogue with sentences 1-6 :

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| 1. I'll take them. | 4. Have a nice day. |
| 2. That's too expensive for me. | 5. £ 60. |
| 3. How much are those red shoes? | 6. They are cheaper. |

Shop assistant : Can I help you madam?

Customer : Yes, please. _____ ?

Shop assistant : _____ ?

Customer : _____ I can't buy them.

Shop assistant : Well, have a look at these ones. _____. They are only £40.

Customer : They look nice. _____ Here's £40.

Shop assistant : Thanks. _____ .

2-3/ Exercise 3

- Complete the dialogue with the missing questions :

Shop assistant : Good morning _____ ?

Maria : Yes, please. I'm looking for a blouse.

Shop assistant : _____ ?

Maria : White, please.

Shop assistant : _____ ?

Maria : Medium.

Shop assistant : Let's see ... white ... medium ... sorry, we have them in black, blue and red only. Here they are.

Maria : I like the blue one. _____ ?

Shop assistant : £25. It's on sale _____ ?

Maria : Yes, _____ the fitting rooms, please?

Shop assistant : They are over there.

Later

Shop assistant : _____ ?

Maria : It's nice. I'll take it.

Shop assistant : _____ ?

Maria : cash please, here you are.

2-4/ Exercise 4

- Ask your partner the questions below and report to the class about her/him :

Do you	YES	NO
1. like to go shopping for clothes?		
2. buy expensive clothes?		
3. buy things only when it is necessary?		
4. prefer to shop in big shopping centres?		

5. like to go to stores to see what's new?		
6. like to shop in many different stores?		
7. follow fashion trends?		
8. like to wear unusual clothes?		
9. look for bargains?		
10. buy a lot of clothes?		