

# Going Shopping

*In this lesson, you will learn some useful vocabulary and expressions to use when you go shopping for clothes. You will also learn how to describe clothing.*

## Pre-Reading

### A. Warm-Up Questions

1. Where do you shop for clothing?
2. Do you usually try clothing on before you buy it? Why or why not?
3. How do you usually pay for purchases at a shop?



### B. Vocabulary Preview

Match the words on the left with the correct meanings on the right.

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| _____ 1. department    | a) a card that allows you to pay with your bank account funds   |
| _____ 2. on sale       | b) the private area where you try on clothing                   |
| _____ 3. sweater       | c) offered at a lower price for a limited time                  |
| _____ 4. dressing room | d) a thick, long-sleeved shirt, often made of wool              |
| _____ 5. rack          | e) something that clothes hang from or sit on in a store        |
| _____ 6. debit card    | f) a section that sells specific items                          |
| _____ 7. account       | g) the financial record for a particular person or organization |
| _____ 8. temporary     | h) a reduced price  |
| _____ 9. discount      | i) for a short or limited amount of time                        |
| _____ 10. bargain      | j) a really good deal or offer                                  |

## Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Circle any new words or phrases that you need to practice.

Clerk:	<b>Can I help you?</b>
Customer:	<b>I'm just looking right now</b> , thank you.
Clerk:	<b>Everything in this department is on sale today. If I can be of any help, just let me know.</b>
Customer:	<i>(ten minutes later)</i> <b>Can I try this sweater on, please?</b>
Clerk:	Certainly. <b>The dressing rooms are over there.</b> <i>(a few minutes later)</i> <b>How was it?</b>
Customer:	<b>It's a little bit too big. Do you have a smaller size?</b>
Clerk:	<b>Did you check the rack?</b>
Customer:	Yes, but there weren't any.
Clerk:	<b>I'll have a look in the back. I'll be back in a minute.</b> <i>(a few minutes later)</i> Yes. We have one.
Customer:	Great. I'll take it.
Clerk:	<b>How would you like to pay for that?</b>
Customer:	<b>Do you take debit cards?</b>
Clerk:	<b>Yes, of course.</b> But if you would like to open an account with us today, you'll receive 10% off your first purchase.
Customer:	Okay. <b>That sounds good.</b>
Clerk:	<b>Just fill out this form</b> and I'll give you a temporary card today. Your actual card will be mailed in about two weeks. With the sale and the extra 10% discount, your purchase comes to \$49.99, including tax.
Customer:	<b>What a bargain!</b> Thank you.

## Practice

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue on page 2, substituting the different expressions below. Then switch roles.

1. **Can I help you?**
  - May I help you?
2. **I'm just looking right now.**
  - I'm just browsing.
3. **Everything in this department is on sale today.**
  - All the sweaters are on sale today.
  - Everything in the store is 25% off today.
4. **If I can be of any help, just let me know.**
  - If you need anything, just give me a shout.
5. **Can I try this sweater on, please?**
  - I'd like to try this sweater on, please.
6. Can I try **this sweater** on, please?
  - this blouse
  - this dress
  - this suit
  - this jacket
  - this shirt
  - these shoes
  - these boots
  - these pajamas
  - these shorts
7. **The dressing rooms are over there.**
  - The fitting rooms are right here.
  - The change rooms are at the back.
8. **How was it? / How were they?**
  - How did it/they fit?
  - How did you like it/them?
9. **It's a little too big.**
  - It's a bit too loose.
  - It's a touch too long.
  - It's a little too small.
  - It's a little too tight.
  - It's a bit too short.
  - I don't like the color.
  - I don't like the style.
10. **Do you have a smaller size?**
  - Do you have a bigger size?
  - Do you have any other colors?
  - Do you have any other styles?
  - Does it come in other colors?
11. **Did you check the rack?**
  - Did you look on the shelf?
12. **I'll have a look in the back.**
  - I'll check the storage room.
13. **I'll be back in a minute.**
  - I'll be right back.
  - It'll just be a moment.
14. **How would you like to pay for that?**
  - How do you want to pay for that?
  - How will you be paying?
15. **Do you take debit cards?**
  - Do you accept VISA?
  - Can I pay with MasterCard?
  - Do you take American Express?
  - Can you take personal checks?
16. **Yes, of course.**
  - Yes, certainly.
17. **That sounds good.**
  - That sounds great.
  - Sounds good.
18. **Just fill out this form...**
  - Just complete this application...
19. **What a bargain!**
  - What a good deal!

## Listening Practice

Listen to the recording of the dialogue from page 2. Fill in the missing words as you listen. Listen again. Now look back at page 2 and check your work. Did you fill in the correct words? Did you spell everything correctly?

Clerk:	Can I help you?
Customer:	I'm _____ right now, thank you.
Clerk:	Everything in this _____ is on sale today. If I can be of any help, just let me know.
Customer:	<i>(ten minutes later)</i> Can I try this _____ on, please?
Clerk:	Certainly. The _____ rooms are over there. <i>(a few minutes later)</i> How was it?
Customer:	It's a little bit _____. Do you have a smaller size?
Clerk:	Did you check the rack?
Customer:	Yes, but there weren't any.
Clerk:	I'll _____ in the back. I'll be back in a minute. <i>(a few minutes later)</i> Yes. We have one.
Customer:	Great. I'll take it.
Clerk:	_____ would you like to pay for that?
Customer:	Do you take _____ cards?
Clerk:	Yes, of course. But if you would like to open an account with us today, you'll receive _____ your first purchase.
Customer:	Okay. That sounds good.
Clerk:	Just fill out this form and I'll give you a _____ card today. Your actual card will be mailed in about two weeks. With the sale and the extra 10% _____, your purchase comes to \$49.99, including tax.
Customer:	What a _____! Thank you.

## Vocabulary Review

Circle the word or expression in each group that does not belong, and explain why.

1. a) shoes  
b) sweater  
c) slippers  
d) sandals

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2. a) big  
b) small  
c) long  
d) shorts

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3. a) blouse  
b) skirt  
c) shirt  
d) sweater

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4. a) belt  
b) purse  
c) coat  
d) earrings

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5. a) bathrobe  
b) pajamas  
c) vest  
d) nightgown

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6. a) cardigan  
b) blouse  
c) turtleneck  
d) pullover

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7. a) belt  
b) bra  
c) slip  
d) panties

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8. a) socks  
b) scarf  
c) stockings  
d) panty hose

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9. a) tailor  
b) clerk  
c) dressmaker  
d) seamstress

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10. a) vest  
b) tie  
c) boots  
d) sports jacket

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Write a dialogue with a partner using phrases from page 3. One of you will be a clerk and one of you will be a customer. Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

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## Review

### Task 1

#### LISTEN & ANSWER

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.  
Your teacher will tell you if you have to write or say the answers.

1. What does the customer want to try on?

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2. How does the item fit?

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3. What does the salesclerk do to help the customer?

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4. What special offer does the salesclerk tell the customer about?

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5. How does the customer feel about the final price?

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### Task 2

#### ROLE-PLAY

Work with a partner. Pretend that you are at a clothing store. Choose an item of clothing to shop for. Decide who will be the salesclerk and who will be the customer. Role-play a shopping scenario in front of your teacher.