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WARM UP 

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Do you like to shop?
2. What kind of shopping do you do?
3. Who do you go shopping with?
4. Do your friends help you choose what to buy?
5. How much money do you spend when you shop?



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MATCHING 

Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

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| 1. to shop till one drops | _____ a. to pay too much for something |
| 2. to pick out | _____ b. impossible |
| 3. to not have the foggiest idea | _____ c. to see, to examine |
| 4. to window-shop | _____ d. to put on clothes to see if they fit |
| 5. out of the question | _____ e. to shop until one is too tired to move |
| 6. to pay through the nose | _____ f. to pay a large amount of money |
| 7. to spend a fortune | _____ g. to not know, to have no answer |
| 8. to knock one's socks off | _____ h. to choose |
| 9. to check it out | _____ i. to give someone a pleasant surprise |
| 10. to try on | _____ j. to look at the items in the store's window |

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DIALOGUE BUILDING 

The dialogue below is not in the right order. Your teacher will provide you with **cut-up dialogue strips**. Work alone or with a partner to put the dialogue in the right order.



_____ Sara: What do you want?

_____ Amy: That looks nice. Let's go in and **check it out**. I'll **try it on**.

_____ Amy: I'm glad you came shopping with me, Sara.

_____ Sara: Amy, that will look great on you! You'll **knock his socks off**!

_____ Amy: I need to **pick out** something to wear on my next date with Jon.

_____ Sara: It looks like it's \$400.

_____ Amy: I sure hope so.

_____ Amy: I **haven't the foggiest idea**.

_____ Sara: Me, too. Let's **shop till we drop**!

_____ Sara: Let's **window-shop** first.

_____ Amy: That's **out of the question**. I want to look good, but I don't want to **spend a fortune**.

_____ Sara: Then how about that blue dress in the other window?

_____ Amy: Good idea. This dress looks nice. Can you see the price tag? But I'm on a budget, so I can't **pay through the nose**.



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from page 1.

1. Angela: Did you hear the big news?
2. Lynne: No. I don't _____ what you're talking about.
3. Angela: Vickie is getting married!
4. Lynne: Really? I didn't think they were serious!
5. Angela: Well, we need to buy dresses to wear to her wedding.
6. Lynne: I don't want to _____ on the dress.
7. Angela: I agree! I can't afford to _____. Anything over \$100 is _____.
8. Lynne: Okay. Then let's _____ before we _____ clothes.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Who came shopping with Amy?
2. When they arrive at the mall, what is Amy looking for?
3. How much was the first dress that Amy saw?
4. Can Amy spend a lot of money on her new outfit?



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DIALOGUE READING 

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. Write down any new words or phrases in your notebook.



Amy: I'm glad you came shopping with me, Sara.

Sara: Me, too. Let's **shop till we drop!**

Amy: I need to **pick out** something to wear on my next date with Jon.

Sara: What do you want?

Amy: I **haven't the foggiest idea.**

Sara: Let's **window-shop** first.

Amy: Good idea. This dress looks nice. Can you see the price tag? But I'm on a budget, so I can't **pay through the nose.**

Sara: It looks like it's \$400.

Amy: That's **out of the question.** I want to look good, but I don't want to **spend a fortune.**

Sara: Then how about that blue dress in the other window?

Amy: That looks nice. Let's go in and **check it out.** I'll **try it on.**

Sara: Amy, that will look great on you! You'll **knock his socks off!**

Amy: I sure hope so.