

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises:
gap-fill, table completion,
unscrambling, writing a
dialogue

Speaking Activity:
role-play, performing a
dialogue (pair work)

Focus

Describing what you want
when shopping

Aim

To practice describing
what you want when
shopping.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
two-page worksheet for
each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a shopping worksheet to help students practice describing what they want when shopping.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

To begin, students complete two shopping dialogues between a customer and a sales assistant with the words provided.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. tight | 4. brands | 7. round | 10. lighter |
| 2. size | 5. changing | 8. wide | 11. much |
| 3. knee | 6. fits | 9. quality | 12. matching |

Students then refer to the two shopping dialogues to complete a table about the item each customer asked for, along with their specific requirements.

Exercise B - Answer key

	Item	Details
Customer 1	dress	sleeveless, not too tight, size 8, knee-length, easy to wash
Customer 2	table	wooden, round, seats two people, less than 90cm wide

Next, students unscramble sentences in a similar shopping dialogue.

Exercise C - Answer key

- I'm looking for a smart winter coat to match these boots.
- I'd like one that's made of leather and isn't too long.
- Do you have it in a darker colour?
- Let me see if it fits.

After that, students write down an item they would like to buy along with at least three specific requirements.

Next, students write a shopping conversation between a sales assistant and a customer based on the item and requirements using the dialogues from the worksheet as a guide.

Lastly, students role-play their dialogues with a partner.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

A. Complete the two shopping dialogues between a customer and a sales assistant with the words below.

wide brands matching tight quality round lighter size much fits knee changing

Dialogue 1

A: Can I help you?

B: Yes. I'm looking for a summer dress. A sleeveless one that's not too (1)

A: Certainly. Our dresses are over here. What (2) do you need?

B: A size 8. I'd like one that's (3)-length and easy to wash.

A: How about one of these? They're very elegant and made by Sleek.

B: Sleek are one of my favourite (4)! I like this one. Do you have it in black?

A: Yes, we do. We also have it in dark blue.

B: I'd like to try on the black one, please.

A: No problem. The (5) rooms are over there.

B: This one (6) perfectly! I'll take it. Thanks for your help. Do I pay over there?

Dialogue 2

A: May I help you?

B: Yes. I'm looking for a wooden table. A (7) one that seats two people.

A: Certainly. Our tables are just over here.

B: Great. It's for a very small kitchen, so it needs to be less than 90 cm (8)

A: How about this one? It's made by IKID. They're a good (9) brand.

B: I like it. The colour is a bit dark though. Do you have any made of (10) wood?

A: Yes we do. We also have it in white.

B: Oh yes. I like the white one. How (11) is it?

A: It's \$120, and it comes with two (12) chairs.

B: Great. I'll take it. Thanks for your help. Do I pay for it downstairs?

B. Write down the item each customer asked for, along with their specific requirements.

	Item	Requirements
Customer 1		
Customer 2		

A: Can I help you?

B: Yes.

1. for / looking / I'm / coat / a / winter / match / to / these / boots / smart

A: Certainly. What size do you need?

B: Size 8.

2. one / I'd / like / that's / made / leather / and / long / isn't / of / too

A: Here are some lovely leather ones. All very warm and smart. Do you like any of these?

B: This one's nice.?

3. you / have / colour / it / a / in / darker / do

A: Yes. We have it in black. Here it is.

B: I like it.

4. it / if / let / me / see / fits

A: What do you think? Is it comfortable?

B: Yes, It is. I'll take it. Thanks for your help. Do I pay over there?

Item: Requirements:

E. Now, write a shopping dialogue between a shop assistant and customer asking for the item above. When you have finished, role-play the dialogue with a partner.

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