

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity

Focus

Shopping

Aim

To practice language for buying and selling items in a clothes shop.

Preparation

Make two copies of the cards for every eight students and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this fun clothes shopping role-play, students take on the roles of shop assistants and customers and practice buying and selling items in a clothes shop.

Procedure

Before you begin, review shopping language with the class, include language for asking about size, colour and price.

Next, divide the students into two equal groups, shop assistants and customers. This activity can also be done in groups of eight with four shop assistants and four customers.

Give a shop card to each shop assistant and a shopping list to each customer.

Tell the shop assistants that the information on their card shows the items they have for sale. Explain that they have only one of each item to sell.

Tell the customers that their shopping list shows details of the items they want to buy, including the size, colour and budget for each item.

Explain that some shopping items may be too expensive to buy, but if they save money on other items, they can go back and use the money they saved to buy an item they previously couldn't afford.

The aim of the activity is for the shop assistants to sell all the items on their card and for the customers to buy all the items on their shopping list.

Have the shop assistants sit down spaced out around the classroom.

The customers stand up and walk around visiting each shop.

When a customer buys an item, the shop assistant ticks the item to show it has been sold and the customer writes down the cost and any saving they have made. If an item is over budget, the customer goes to the next item on their shopping list or uses a saving from a previous purchase to buy the item. If the customer can't find what they want, they can ask for another item or move on to another shop.

When everyone has finished, have the students swap roles and repeat the activity, so everyone has a chance to practice being the shop assistant and customer.

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

Walter's Wears
Fabio's Fashion

T-shirt - Size L (white)	\$10
Polo shirt - Size XL (blue)	\$25
Jeans - Size 28	\$20
Jacket - Brown	\$30
Trainers - Size 10	\$55

T-shirt - Size L (green)	\$5
Polo shirt - Size XL (black)	\$15
Jeans - Size 32	\$35
Jacket - Black	\$35
Trainers - Size 7	\$50

Derrick's Designs
Bell's Boutique

T-shirt - Size XL (green)	\$15
Polo shirt - Size L (blue)	\$25
Jeans - Size 30	\$20
Jacket - Blue	\$40
Trainers - Size 9	\$40

T-shirt - Size XL (white)	\$10
Polo shirt - Size L (black)	\$15
Jeans - Size 34	\$25
Jacket - Gray	\$25
Trainers - Size 8	\$60

Shopping list 1
Shopping list 2

	Budget	Saving
T-shirt - Size L (green)	\$10	
Polo shirt - Size L (black)	\$10	
Jeans - Size 28	\$15	
Jacket - Gray	\$25	
Trainers - Size 9	\$45	

	Budget	Saving
T-shirt - Size XL (white)	\$15	
Polo shirt - Size XL (blue)	\$20	
Jeans - Size 30	\$15	
Jacket - Black	\$35	
Trainers - Size 10	\$60	

Shopping list 3
Shopping list 4

	Budget	Saving
T-shirt - Size L (white)	\$5	
Polo shirt - Size L (blue)	\$30	
Jeans - Size 32	\$30	
Jacket - Blue	\$40	
Trainers - Size 8	\$65	

	Budget	Saving
T-shirt - Size XL (green)	\$10	
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