

## Vocabulary

Describing things you bought

**Complete the text with a suitable word or phrase.**

complicated	cool	easy	last
to follow	looked better	functions	quality

Well, after negotiating this great deal with a new client I was feeling pretty pleased with myself, so I thought I'd buy myself something to celebrate. I had a look in the Mobile Shop, to see what offers there were on smartphones. My old one was really good <sup>1</sup>..... and could <sup>2</sup>..... for another few years, but I wanted a newer model. The one I fancied came in lots of different colours. The guy in the shop told me that green was a popular one, but I thought it <sup>3</sup>..... in white. It had quite a few different <sup>4</sup>..... and looked <sup>5</sup>....., but he said it was really <sup>6</sup>..... to use. It looked really <sup>7</sup>..... so I bought it. However, the instructions were difficult <sup>8</sup>..... and I couldn't understand them, so I ended up taking it back to the shop the next day.



## Listening

Describing things you bought



**2.1** You are going to hear a radio programme in which three people talk about the problem of compulsive shopping. Decide whether the statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 20% of British people are compulsive shoppers. ....
- 2 Maria's husband was worried that she was spending too much money. ....
- 3 Maria says she has got 135 bags in her wardrobe. ....
- 4 Compulsive shopping disorder only affects women. ....
- 5 Keith's wife left him. ....
- 6 Keith says that men don't usually buy the same things as women. ....

**2.1** Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Maria's husband tell her to do about her problem?

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- 2 How has the problem affected Keith's relationship with his wife?

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## Grammar

### Past Simple

**Match the questions (1–5) with the answers (a–e) to complete the dialogue.**

- 1 Did you do anything interesting this morning? .....
- 2 Really? Was it any good? .....
- 3 Oh. Did you buy anything nice? .....
- 4 Oh, right. Are they the ones you're wearing? They're lovely! .....
- 5 You're joking! They look really good quality. Did they have any other colours? .....

- a I think I saw some in blue and brown. Why don't you go and have a look?
- b Well, I wanted to get a dress to wear to my cousin's wedding, but I didn't find anything I liked. I bought some nice shoes, though.
- c Yeah. I went to that new shopping centre in Bracknell.
- d Nice, aren't they? They were reasonable, too. I only paid €15 for them.
- e It was OK. There were some nice clothes shops, but there wasn't much else.

**Choose the correct words in *italics* to complete the sentences.**

- 1 I *buy* / *bought* a new watch in town yesterday.
- 2 We *selled* / *sold* our old car last month.
- 3 I *went* / *go* to the market this morning and *find* / *found* all sorts of bargains! Leather bags for £15!
- 4 Mum and Dad *are giving* / *gave* me a new mobile for my birthday last week, so do you want my old one?
- 5 There's a nice laptop in that shop. It only *cost* / *costs* £99.
- 6 I'm fed up! I *was spending* / *spent* £80 on this dress and then ten minutes later I *see* / *saw* the same one for just £40 in another shop!



## Grammar

### Past Simple

**Complete the conversation. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.**

Dave: Oh, you're back, darling! <sup>1</sup> ..... (you go) to IKEA?

Sally: Yeah, it <sup>2</sup> ..... (be) great! It was packed, though. There are always too many people there.

D: <sup>3</sup> ..... (find) what you wanted?

S: Well, they <sup>4</sup> ..... (not have) the table, but I <sup>5</sup> ..... (get) these really nice cups. Do you like them?

D: Yes, they're really nice! And <sup>6</sup> ..... (you get) that lovely lamp there, too?

S: Oh no! I <sup>7</sup> ..... (buy) that from Heavenly Homes.

D: I love it! <sup>8</sup> ..... (do) they have any others like it?

S: Well, not exactly the same, but there was one that was similar. I <sup>9</sup> ..... (find) it hard to choose between them.

D: Why <sup>10</sup> ..... (you not buy) both of them? We really need two.

S: Well, they were too expensive, to be honest.