

Vocabulary

Describing things you bought

Complete the text with a suitable word or phrase.

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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 ¹ and could ² 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 ³ in white. It had quite a few different ⁴ and looked ⁵ , but he said it was really ⁶ to use. It looked really ⁷ so I bought it. However, the instructions were difficult ⁸ 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! ¹ (you go) to IKEA?

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

D: ³ (find) what you wanted?

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

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

S: Oh no! I ⁷ (buy) that from Heavenly Homes.

D: I love it! ⁸ (do) they have any others like it?

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

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

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