Glossary

bargain *(n)* = something you can buy cheaply or for less than its usual price
immediately *(adv)* = at once
join (us) *(v)* = to begin to take part in an activity that other people are involved in
match *(v)* = look attractive together because of a similar colour, pattern, etc.
video tapes *(n, pl)* = special plastic boxes containing tape where you can record sound and pictures

1 **Read the texts quickly. Who can you see in the photo? Choose the correct answer A, B or C.**

A Megan and her boyfriend ☐
B Steven and his girlfriend ☐
C Henry and his girlfriend ☐

Shopping and you

There is a popular idea that girls love shopping for clothes. They **shop around** for bargains all day. They **try on** clothes that they don't really want. Finally, they buy a lot of clothes but they don't keep them all. The next week, they **take back** the things they don't like and start all over again! Boys, on the other hand, buy the first thing they see which fits them. Then they don't enter a clothes shop again until their clothes **wear out** or they **grow out of** them, whichever happens first.

Is this true or not? We asked you for your own true-life experiences and here are a few of your replies.

Megan, aged 17, Bristol

In my opinion, it's totally true. I hate shopping for clothes with my boyfriend. [1]_____ He has two ways of reacting when I try on things. At first, he is too honest. He reacts with horror or makes jokes about the clothes I choose. Then, when he gets more bored, he says that everything is great or wonderful. Also, he has no idea about what is fashionable. I buy him things which are a little more elegant but he doesn't wear them. He's slim and looks good in close-fitting jeans but he prefers very loose clothes. Oh well, at least he's got a great personality!

Steven, aged 16, Leicester

The idea that boys don't like shopping for clothes is really old-fashioned. Boys now are not like boys from the 1980s. [2]_____ They don't all wear shabby clothes. A lot of them want to look nice. What's your next article going to be about? Why don't young people buy video tapes anymore? Most of us live in the 21st century. Come and join us. It's great here!

Henry, aged 18, Bath

I love shopping with my girlfriend. We shop in places with a good choice of clothes for men and women. That way, we can both try things on at the same time. My girlfriend helps me a lot. She understands colours better than me. She can see immediately what goes with what and which colours look wrong together. She also finds things that match my personality. [3]_____ I **hang up** the clothes she doesn't want and **put back** dresses, skirts and T-shirts in the right place. It's true! She's much more untidy than I am.

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2 Read the texts again. Complete gaps 1–3 in the texts with sentences A–E. There are two extra sentences.

A They spend more on cosmetics than girls and they care just as much about their appearance. ☐
B In return, I help her. ☐
C They rarely go shopping together because it causes too many arguments. ☐
D He is always bored and totally unhelpful. ☐
E It's something we always agree about. ☐

3 Look at the words in bold in the texts and match them to the definitions.

0 put on clothes to see how they look or fit — try on
1 return something to a shop because you don't want to keep it _____
2 become too big for clothes because you are taller or fatter than before _____
3 put clothes into a wardrobe or on hooks _____
4 compare the price and quality of similar items in different shops before buying something _____
5 become too old, dirty or damaged to use _____
6 return something to its correct place _____

4 Complete the conversations with the correct forms of the verbs from Exercise 3.

1 **Janice:** You should try on those trousers before you buy them because you can't _____ clothes to this shop.
Kelly: Really? What if there's something wrong with them?
Janice: You have to check them carefully here.

2 **Imelda:** Don't buy the first thing you find. We should _____ and see if we can get them cheaper somewhere else.
Adrian: I haven't got the strength. I just want to go home.

3 **Sam:** These jeans aren't very good quality.
Paul: It doesn't matter. You're growing so quickly, you'll [a]_____ them before they [b]_____.

4 **Simon:** Can I borrow these CDs and DVDs?
Lisa: Yes, if you promise to _____ everything in the right place.

5 **Nick:** Hi, Mum. I'm home.
Mum: _____ your coat. Don't leave it on the floor.

REMEMBER THIS

Most phrasal verbs in Exercises 3 and 4 collocate with an object. With most of them, the object can go either after the whole phrasal verb, e.g. *try on a shirt*, or between the verb and the preposition, e.g. *try a shirt on*. You can check the position of an object in an entry for every phrasal verb in a dictionary. For example, the entry *take sth off* means that the phrasal verb is separable and the entry *look after sb/sth* means that the phrasal verb is inseparable. Remember, some phrasal verbs don't need an object, e.g. *get up*.

5 Read REMEMBER THIS. Look at these sentences. Are the verbs separable (*S*), inseparable (*I*) or is there no object (*NO*)? Use a dictionary if necessary.

0 Try these trousers on. They look great. S
1 Take these shoes back to the shop. ☐
2 Tommy grows out of his clothes very quickly. ☐
3 Hang your coat up when you come home. ☐
4 Can you put my clothes back in my wardrobe? ☐
5 I always shop around before I buy anything. ☐
6 Cheap clothes wear out quickly so they aren't really a bargain. ☐

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Clothes

6 Look at the photos and choose the correct words.

Stylish or not?
What do you think?

She's very trendy. She's wearing a [1]*hat / scarf / top* on her head, sunglasses and she's got a big [2]*hat / scarf / sweater* round her neck. It's difficult to see what kind of [3]*top / jacket / suit* she's wearing under her leather [4]*jumper / coat / jacket* – is it a thin [5]*skirt / jacket / jumper*? I don't think it's a [6]*T-shirt / suit / tracksuit*. She's wearing very close-fitting [7]*trousers / tracksuits / dresses* – I think they are black jeans. On her feet … are they [8]*jeans / shoes / socks* or [9]*trousers / tracksuits / trainers*? It's difficult to say for sure. They aren't boots. They're too small.

She looks cool – and she knows it!
8/10

He looks good. He's wearing a dark [10]*skirt / suit / sweater*. It isn't too tight or too loose. The jacket and trousers fit him well. He's wearing a white [11]*shirt / coat / skirt* and a dark [12]*scarf / top / tie*. His shoes are black. We can't see his [13]*boots / trainers / socks* – I'm sure they are dark.

He is stylish and smart. 9/10

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