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SHOPS

VOCABULARY

A Match words in the box to items in the picture.

tie	shirt	watch	camera	hat
suit	skirt	coat	laptop	mobile phone



B Complete the text with a suitable word or phrase.

good value	reliable	suit	bright
complicated	good quality	last	thick
smart	wide selection		

I always buy my clothes in the sales, and this weekend I found some real bargains! I wanted to buy a couple of shirts, so I went into M&S. My local branch has got a ¹..... of different styles and colours. They're generally well made and of ²..... Anyway, I found these packs of two for £20, which I thought was pretty ³....., as you normally pay that for one. Unfortunately, the only ones they had in my size were green and brown. Green isn't my colour; it just doesn't ⁴..... me at all! Then I found a lovely ⁵..... coat that I bought for visiting clients, and a ⁶..... woollen sweater to keep me warm in winter. It's red, which will be ⁷..... and cheerful on those cold grey mornings! Well, I was feeling pretty pleased with myself, so I thought I'd have a look in the Mobile Shop next, to see what offers there were on mobiles. I really fancied the new Ericsson model. They're usually a ⁸..... brand, and ⁹..... longer than a lot of others. However, when the guy in the shop started telling me about all the extra features on it, it seemed really ¹⁰..... I couldn't understand what he was talking about, so I decided I'd bought enough for one day!

C Cross out the word which does not usually form a collocation with the key word.

- conduct research / a study / a survey / children / an orchestra
- cause a problem / a meal / arguments / harm / pain
- compulsive school / shopping / gambling / theft / lying
- spend time / money / your life / an effort
- addict drug - / play - / TV - / shopping -
- luxury items / goods / meal / hotel

Learner tip

Record vocabulary connected with a topic together on the same page in your vocabulary notebook. For example, make a list of the words connected with shopping that you already know and add the new words from the unit as you learn them. This will help you remember them.

LISTENING



A 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).

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

2.1 Listen again and answer the questions.

- What did Maria's husband tell her to do about her problem?
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- How has the problem affected Keith's relationship with his wife?
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Learner tip

When you do a listening task, try to gain a general understanding, or the 'gist' of what you listen to the first time you hear it. Don't worry about answering all the questions. The second time you listen, you can complete the exercise.

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Complimenting

Use the words and phrases from the box to complete the dialogue below.

they have	Cool	love	much was it
good value	good	great	did you get it
Did they have it	in any other colours		

- S: Jane! You look ¹ !
I ² that skirt!
Where ³ ?
J: Oh, hi, Sally! Yeah, er, I got it in Top Shop, actually.
S: Really? ⁴ ! How
⁵ ?
J: It was only £15.
S: ⁶ ?
J: Yeah ... red, green and ... blue, I think. You look
⁷ , too. Is that a new top?
S: Yes, it is. I got it in the sale at Primark for £5.
J: That's ⁸ I Did
⁹ any cheap trousers?
S: I'm not sure. Why don't you go and see? I'll go with you, if you like.

GRAMMAR Past simple

A Match the questions (1-5) with the answers (a-e) to complete the dialogue.

- Did you do anything interesting this morning?
 - Really? Was it any good?
 - Oh. Did you buy anything nice?
 - Oh, right. Are they the ones you're wearing? They're lovely!
 - 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.

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

- I *buy* / *bought* a new watch in town yesterday.
- We *sedled* / *sold* our old car last month.
- I *went* / *go* to the market this morning and *find* / *found* all sorts of bargains! Leather bags for £15!
- Mum and Dad are *giving* / *gave* me a new mobile for my birthday last week, so do you want my *old* one?
- There's a nice laptop in that shop. It only *cost* / *costs* £99.
- 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!

C 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.