

At A Gift Shop

Nit likes to visit her friend Lek. Lek's parents have a gift shop in the town. The shop sells a lot of pretty things—silk flowers, silk scarves, and fish mobiles. Foreign tourists often shop at Lek's shop and buy gifts. When a big group of tourists come to the shop, Nit helps Lek and her parents sell things.

Nit enjoys selling things to tourists. At first, she was afraid, but now she is not afraid anymore. She knows that she can sell anything if she knows her numbers in English well. She does not know the English names for all the gifts in the shop, but it doesn't matter because the tourists always point to them with their fingers. So she has learned to count well in English.

Listen to Nit now. She is talking to a tourist.

Nit: Good afternoon, madam. May I help you?

Tourist: (points to some silk roses): Yes, I want these. How much are they?

Nit: 240 baht a dozen.

Tourist: Can I have them for 200 baht?

Nit: I'm sorry, but 240 baht is reasonable. It is only 20 baht each.

We don't make much profit, you know.

Tourist: My friends are waiting for me outside. I must hurry. How about 220 baht?

Nit: All right, madam. You can have them for 220 baht.

Tourist: Can you give me the change for 500 baht?

Nit: Certainly, madam. Here is your change. Thank you very much. Good-bye.

Tourist: Good-bye.

Learn your English numbers well. Maybe they will help you get a good job.

New Words and Expressions

a gift	point to	make profit
silk	listen to	it doesn't matter
a scarf (scarves)	reasonable	be afraid
a mobile	hurry	the change

Exercises 1: True or False

- _____ 1. Nit likes to sell gift in the shop.
- _____ 2. Nit knows the English names for all the gifts.
- _____ 3. The tourist bought some silk roses.
- _____ 4. The roses cost 200 baht each.
- _____ 5. Nit's parents have a gift shop.
- _____ 6. Nit works as a shop assistant at Lek's gift shop.
- _____ 7. The tourist buys 10 silk roses.
- _____ 8. Nit has learned to count well in English.
- _____ 9. Nit gives the tourist 260 baht for the change.
- _____ 10. Nit is always afraid to speak English.



Exercises 2: Complete each of following sentences with the best word from the list. Use each word only once.

profit	change	scarf	a gift shop	silk
foreign	count	tourists	afraid	enjoy

1. She has a job in _____.
2. His parents make a big _____ when they sold the house.
3. She gave me five pound in _____.
4. When we _____, we say, "One, two, three,"
5. A great number of _____ visit Thailand each year.
6. The children _____ swimming at the beach.
7. Spain was the first _____ country she had visited.
8. Would a little silk _____ look right with this outfit?
9. Her hair was so soft it was like _____.
10. She was _____ of the dark.



Exercises 3: Complete each of following sentences:

Example: A dress made of silk is a silk dress.

A bag made of leather is a leather bag.

1. A scarf made of silk is a _____.
2. Flowers made of paper are _____.
3. A skirt made of cotton is a _____.
4. A ring made of gold is a _____.
5. A house made of brick is a _____.

