

Vocabulary

In this unit, you are going to learn some useful vocabulary that you as au-pairs need to know to communicate appropriately in the most common things that you will be involved.

Vocabulary: Cash and sales

1. People in the store

- **Customer**
- **Cashier**
- **Employee**
- **Salesman, Saleswoman, or Salesperson**
- **Associate**
- **Stocker**
- **Supervisor (or manager or boss)**
- **Shoplifter**
- **Owner**

2. America shopping traditions

- **Black Friday:** Every year, the day after Thanksgiving is the unofficial beginning of Christmas season. So, on the Friday after Thanksgiving, also called **Black Friday**, Americans begin their Christmas shopping. Almost every store has a huge sale (online and in the store), and many open early.
- **Outlet mall:** An **outlet mall** is similar to a mall, but they're not the same thing. Both have many stores in one location. At both you can buy a t-shirt from the Gap, and then look at watches in Swatch.
- **Yard sale / garage sale:** This is when people sell their old clothes, furniture and other items in front of their houses in their yards or garages.
- **A steal:** It's wrong to steal to take something without paying for it. But if someone tells you their new dress was "a steal," that's a very good thing! That means they did not pay much for it. They paid so little that it almost felt like stealing. Actually, the meaning of "a steal" is similar to "a bargain."
- **A good deal:** Similar to "a steal" and "a bargain," if something is a good deal, you paid a low price. However, "a good deal" describes the *price* not the object or item.
- **Overpriced:** I like to go to two supermarkets to buy my food: Safeway and Whole Foods. At Safeway, the food is usually less expensive, but at Whole Foods they have more organic and healthy food.

3. Types of shops

- **Department store:** A shop that sells many different items in different departments. Harrods is probably the world's best known department store.
- **Supermarket:** A large shop that sells mostly food and household items.
- **Grocer (UK) / grocery store (US):** A shop that sells food.
- **Greengrocer:** Sells fresh fruit and vegetables.
- **Butcher:** Sells fresh meat.
- **Baker:** Sells fresh bread and cakes.
- **Fishmonger:** Sells fresh fish.
- **Chemist (UK) / drugstore (US):** Sells medicines and toiletries.
- **Newsagent:** Sells newspapers and magazines.
- **Stationer:** Sells paper goods.
- **Optician:** Sells glasses / contact lenses.
- **Bookshop / bookstore:** Books.
- **Market:** Market traders (people who work on a market) have stalls that sell fruit and vegetables, clothes, household items and so on.
- **Petshop:** For pets and pet food.
- **Petrol station (UK) / gas station (US):** Sells petrol, car products and sometimes food.

Activity

1. Fill in the blanks with the right word that represents the following pictures.



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