

Conversation Corner

Talking to a salesperson

Pronunciation

Contrastive stress

CD 3-36 ► Task 1

Listen and repeat.

1. Would you like a *large* or a *small* coffee?
2. Are you paying with *cash* or *credit*?
3. Can this be *machine-washed* or should I *dry-clean* it?
4. Do you like this *blue* coat or the *red* one?

Pronunciation Help

Stress the words that highlight the differences between two choices. For example, stress *coffee* and *tea* in the sentence, "Would you like *coffee* or *tea*?"

► Task 2

Read the sentences to a partner. Be sure to use contrastive stress.

Dictation

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Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: May I help you with something, or are you _____?

B: Can I see that watch, please?

A: The one with the _____?

B: No, the one with _____ band.

A: Certainly. Here you are.

B: Thanks. Yes, this is perfect. I'll take it.

A: It's a very nice choice. Will you be _____ with credit today?

B: No, I'd like to _____ with _____.

► Task 2

Practice the conversation with a partner. Be sure to use contrastive stress.

Conversation

Work in pairs. Think about items that you shop for often.

Talk about what you buy, where you buy it, and why.