

SHOPPING AROUND



EAE Learning objectives for this lesson



Learn expressions to use when you go shopping in English. Practice using the expressions. Review when to use much and when to use many.



Activity One: With your partner, ask the following questions

1. Where is your favorite place to shop for food?
2. How often do you shop for food?
3. Where is your favorite place to shop for electronics?
4. Do you like shopping in the store OR on the internet?
5. What is more important: price or quality?



Activity two: Expressions



Expressions for customers:

Excuse me, I need some help
Could you help me please?
I'm just looking
I'm just browsing
How much does this cost?
Do you have this in another color?
Does this come in another size?
Can I try this on?
What is your return policy?
Thank you for your help

Expressions for Salespeople:

Hello, welcome to Can I help you find anything today?
Are you looking for something in particular?
We are having a sale today
Would you like to try that on?
Will you be paying with cash or credit?
Would you like a bag?
Thank you for shopping with us today!

Activity three: Dialogue

With a partner, read the dialogues aloud

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Salesperson: Hello, welcome to Redmart! Is there anything I can help you with today?
Client: Yes, I am looking for a present for my daughter.
Salesperson: Great, how old is she?
Client: She is turning 12 this month.
Salesperson: Do you have an idea in mind? Clothes, toys....
Client: I don't think clothes is a good idea, I don't know her size. I want to buy her a new computer. Do you sell computers?
Salesperson: Sorry, we only sell cell phones and televisions here.
Client: Ok, thanks for your help. I think I will just browse the store, I may find something.
Salesperson: Great, let me know if I can help

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Dialogue 2= discuss with your partner what the words in BOLD mean

Client: Excuse me sir, do you work here?
Salesperson: Yes I do, can I help you with something?
Client: I am looking for a souvenir for my Uncle and I don't know what to get.
Salesperson: We have a lot of Montpellier souvenirs. We have tee shirts, keychains, postcards, and speciality food and drink from the region.

Client: I like this "I Heart Montpelier" shirt. Do you have it in another color? He doesn't wear red.

Salesperson: We have this shirt in blue and yellow.

Client: How much does the shirt cost?

Salesperson: It costs 10 euros. We are having a sale now, if you buy one shirt, the second shirt is half price.

Client: I just need one shirt. I'll take the yellow in a size large.

Salesperson: Okay, that will be ten euros. Are you paying with cash or credit?

Client: Cash

Salesperson: Okay great. Your shirt and receipt are in the bag, have a nice day!



Activity Four: How much V. How many

You may have noticed that in English we use MUCH and MANY to talk about the amount of something. For example: How MUCH money do you have? How MANY of the coins are in your pocket? But how do we know when to use MUCH or MANY?

Many is used for count nouns, meaning things we can count. If you can use a number to count something, you can use many

- How many girls are in the room?
- How many desks in the room?
- How many cars are in the parking lot?

Girls, desks, and cars can be counted with numbers

Much is used for NON count nouns, meaning things we can't count with numbers.

- How much water is in the bottle?
- How much time do you have for lunch?
- How much sugar do you like in your coffee?

Here, we can't answer with numbers (we can't say there are 7 waters in the bottle, or 7 times for lunch, or 7 sugars in the coffee)

Sometimes we can ask a question with a noncount noun (for example, money or time) and answer with a count noun.

- How much time do you have for lunch? I have 2 hours for lunch
- (here we can't count time, but we can count hours/minutes/days/etc)
- How much does this dress cost? It costs 34 euros
- (we can't count money, but we can count dollars, euros, cents, etc)



Activity Five: Fill in the blanks

With your partner, fill in the blanks with MUCH or MANY

1. How _____ does this dress cost?
2. How _____ dollars are in your wallet?
3. How _____ milk is in the refrigerator?
4. How _____ salt did you put on the pasta?
5. How _____ days before Christmas?
6. How _____ books did you buy?
7. How _____ time before the sale ends?
8. How _____ presents do you have to buy?
9. How _____ cigars are we buying?

Activity 5: BRANDS With your partner, say which is your favorite for each question, and why.

1. What is your favorite brand for computers?
2. What is your brand of candy?
3. What is your favorite brand of clothing?
4. What is your favorite brand of drinks?

5. What is your favorite brand for cars?
6. What is your favorite brand of shoes?
7. What is your favorite brand of fragrance? (perfume, cologne)

Activity 6: Shopping IDIOMS

With your partner, try to match the shopping term to its definition

Window Shopping	<i>To take an item without paying</i>
Slashing Prices	<i>To buy something at a small price</i>
To Shoplift	<i>To be very expensive</i>
A rip off	<i>To look in stores without the intention of buying anything</i>
To shop around	<i>A big reduction in prices</i>
To cost an arm and a leg	<i>Bad quality/price ratio</i>
To buy (something) for a song	<i>To look at several stores before purchasing a certain item</i>

Activity Seven: MR BEAN

Watch Mr Bean go shopping and answer the following questions
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YrSmOEFKHE>

1. Why does Mr Bean go shopping?
 - A. He needs food
 - B. He has a new credit card
 - C. It's his birthday

2. Why doesn't Mr Bean like the perfume department?
 - A. It's too expensive
 - B. They don't have his favorite perfume
 - C. The perfume smells too strong

3. What product does Mr Bean try first?
 - A. Toothbrush
 - B. Toothpaste
 - C. Hairbrush

4. How does Mr Bean try out the knives?
 - A. He cuts an apple
 - B. He throws it
 - C. He peels a potato

5. Why does Mr Bean choose the last phone?
 - D. He likes the color
 - E. It is the only phone that is connected
 - F. It's lightweight



Activity Eight: Role-plays

Create a role-play with your partner on the following subjects

- * You are looking for a gift in a store. The salesperson helps you
- * Christmas is coming, you need a gift for your mom! Your best friend comes along to help.
- * You and your boyfriend/girlfriend just won the lottery! Now you are going on a shopping spree!

