

Speaking Card 34

Shopping For Clothes and Electronics

Language: Phrases for Talking to a Shop Assistant, Finding the Right Size

Grammar Point: Too / Enough, e.g. Too Tight / Long / Loose

CLOTHES

Shop Assistant: Can I help you?

Teenager: I need to buy some jeans.

Shop Assistant: What size are you?

Teenager: I'm not sure what size I am. Maybe 34.

Shop Assistant: Would you like skinny jeans, a straight-leg or baggy?

Teenager: Straight-leg, I think. Nothing too tight, but not too baggy, either.

Shop Assistant: Would you like to try any colours? We've got some really nice green jeans.

Teenager: No, thanks. I don't want anything too crazy. Just dark blue, please.

Shop Assistant: Here you are: this is a classic style in blue. And I brought a size 36 as well, just in case.

Teenager: OK, I'll try these on. Where are the changing rooms?

Shop Assistant: They're over there on the left.

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Shop Assistant: So, how did they fit?

Teenager: OK, I think. One of them, the size 34, were too short. But I'm in a hurry so I didn't have time to try the size 36. Can I buy them and then bring them back if they don't fit?

Shop Assistant: Yes, you can. But you need to bring them back within three days to exchange them for a different size.

Teenager: Or can I get a refund?

Shop Assistant: Yes, you can also get a refund within three days. Just make sure all the tags are still on, and bring the receipt.

ELECTRONICS

Son: Mum, look. Here's the new iPad. See? It's on sale: 10% off.

Mum: Oh, Michael. That's still too expensive.

Shop assistant: Hi. How can I help you?

Son: I am interested in buying this iPad. How much memory does it have?

Shop assistant: This device has 2GB of memory. What do you want to use it for?

Son: For playing games and watching films.

Shop assistant: This model is best for gaming. You can also download lots of apps.

Mum: Is the iPad good for typing documents?

Shop assistant: I am afraid not; there's no keyboard.

Mum: Okay. We'll see how you do on your *maturita* exam and maybe I'll buy you one.

HANDY PHRASES FOR CLOTHES SHOPPING

Shop Assistant

Can I help you? / Are you looking for anything in particular?

What size are you?

What style / colour are you looking for?

Would you like anything else?

How would you like to pay?

Shopper

I'm just looking / browsing.

Can I try these trousers / clothes on?

Do you have this in small / medium / large / extra-large?

These clothes fit perfectly / don't fit me.

Useful Vocabulary

changing rooms / fitting rooms

too small / tight / loose

good / quality clothes

on sale

I'll take this.

Asking about Returning Goods

Can I bring the clothes back?

Can I exchange this for a different size?

Can I get a refund / my money back?

Electronics

How much memory does the phone have?

How long is the battery life?



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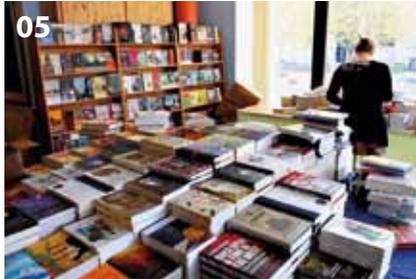
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Task 1

Role-play the following situation with your partner.

Shop Assistant

Offer help.

Ask about the size / style.

Find a good sweater.

Tell him / her about what he /she should do for return / exchange.

Customer

Looking for a blue sweater.

It's a present for your grandmother, who is quite conservative.

Ask about returns or exchanges.

Thank the shop assistant and leave.

Task 2

Look at picture 3 of a woman buying a new phone. What questions is she going to ask the shop assistant (price, warranty, functions)?

Task 3

What are the names of the shops in the pictures? What can you buy at each of them? What was the last thing that you bought?