

## Shopping



### ➤ Dialogue

**A.** Do you do a lot of your shopping online?

**B.** Not really. I like looking on the Internet at what's available, but I usually prefer to actually see and touch what I'm buying before I pay for it. Sometime, I'll look at something in a shop, but later buy it online if it's cheaper. You don't like buying things online, do you?

**A.** No. I'm a little worried about security. You never know who's trying to find out your codes and password. Aren't you worried about that?

**B.** Not really. I know that it happens, but if you buy from reputable companies with secure websites, you should be OK. Even though I use online shopping facilities, I don't think it's the best way to shop.

**A.** I'm surprised to hear you say that. I thought you loved anything technological.

**B.** I do. I'm a big fan of using new technology, but I don't want to sit in front of a computer screen all day. I think people need to get out and interact with other people.

**A.** So, how about coming to the department store with me? I want to see if there are any new summer clothes on sale yet.

**B.** Sure. I'd love to join you. Can we stop by the computer store? I just want to see if they have something.



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A. Sure. While you're in the computer store, I will visit the bookstore opposite. I like to browse through their books and see if they have anything interesting.

B. OK. I've finished online. Let's go. I'll just get some money and my credit card.

A. Thanks for reminding me! I had forgotten to get mine.

### ➤ Useful expressions

1. I'll take my credit card and we can pay with that.
2. I don't like to bargain over prices because it takes too long.
3. Sometimes you can cut a coupon out of a magazine and use it to get a discount.
4. My friend likes to go to an antique market and hunt for a bargain.
5. When I paid, the clerk gave me the wrong change by mistake.
6. If you need aspirin, the best place to go is the pharmacy.
7. You can choose clothes from a catalogue and other online.
8. You can get a discount if you buy more than ten.

### ➤ Vocabularies

#### Supermarket-

A large self-service grocery store selling groceries and dairy products and household goods

Example:

"does the weekly marketing at the supermarket"

#### Department-

A specialized division of a large organization

Example:

"you'll find it in the hardware department"

#### Credit card-

A card (usually plastic) that assures a seller that the person using it has a satisfactory credit rating and that the issuer will see to it that the seller receives payment for the merchandise delivered

Example:

"do you take credit card?"

#### Cash-

Exchange for money (bills or coins)

Example:

"I cashed the check as soon as it arrived in the mail"

#### Selection-

The act of choosing or selecting

Example:

"your selection of colors was unfortunate"



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