

Shopping

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Warm-up Activity

Discuss the following questions:

Do you enjoy shopping or do you see it as a chore?

How often do you go shopping?

What is your favorite shop?



Listening Task:

(Audio at <http://roadtogrammar.com/units/shopping/listening.html>)

Part I

Vocabulary:

exaggerating

a rip-off

boutique

Circle the things that Sally bought:

a scarf

flowers

a handbag

fruit

chocolates

a book

a hat

earrings

a skirt

shoes

dresses

a painting



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Extension

First listen again and pay attention to the language that the speakers use - it. Then, imagine Tom has been shopping and Sally is asking him about what he bought. Write out the conversation as a dialogue.

Part II

Vocabulary:

goods *on peak days* *seeking a bargain* *gourmet cuisine*
bargain-hunters *quintessentially* *it seems likely*

Listen to this audio clip about Harrods of London and answer the questions that follow:

- 1 Is Harrods the largest department store in the world?
- 2 Is Harrods known for cheap or expensive goods?
- 3 What happens in January at Harrods?
- 4 Who owns Harrods?
- 5 What is Harrods considering in the future?

Listen again. What do the following numbers refer to as they are used in the audio clip?

one million _____
330 _____
300,000 _____
60% _____
615 million _____
1.5 billion _____
50 _____
20 million _____



Pronunciation and Voice Practice

(Audio at <http://roadtogrammar.com/units/shopping/listening.html>)

Listen to these phrases and repeat them, paying special attention to the intonation:



- 1 Wow, that's so cool!
- 2 That's an awesome hat!
- 3 I really love your new jacket!
- 4 Your new kitten is so adorable!
- 5 These cookies are incredible!
- 6 Your new hairstyle looks amazing!

Roleplay

In the Listening section, we heard Tom's reaction when Sally returned from her shopping trip. Imagine that the roles are reversed and Tom has just returned from a shopping trip. Roleplay the situation.

Grammar and Accuracy: Relative Clauses

Part I

Look at the following sentences:

- 1 Let's find a cafe **that serves pasta**.
- 2 I bought a hat **that can be turned inside out**.
- 3 Harrigans sells a watch **that can receive text messages**.
- 4 Chairs **that are made from teak** are more expensive.
- 5 I'm looking for a parrot **that can talk**.



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The phrases in bold are called adjective clauses. We call them adjective clauses because they describe a noun, just like an adjective.

Our examples here all begin with **that**. Other examples may begin with **which** or **who** (when describing a person).

Now you try finishing these sentences in your own words:

- 1 My brother has a watch that can _____
- 2 Let's go to a restaurant that _____
- 3 I bought a TV that _____
- 4 Furniture that _____ is a good choice.
- 5 Items that _____ are often much cheaper.
- 6 I bought my niece a doll that _____.

Part II

Some adjective clauses contain a subject. Examine these sentences:

This is the scarf **that I just bought**.

These are the chocolates **that Jane got me for Christmas**.

Can you see how they are different from the earlier examples? They contain subject pronouns:

This is the scarf that I just bought.

These are the chocolates that **Jane** got me for Christmas.

Let's find a cafe that serves pasta.

I bought a hat that can be turned inside out.

Now you try:

- 1 This is the place that I _____.
- 2 Look! These are the same cups that Sarah _____.
- 3 This shop doesn't stock the brand that I _____.

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- 4 We need to buy Mario a present that he can _____.
- 5 How much were those trays that you _____?
- 6 I'm tired from all this shopping. Let's find a place that we can _____.

Part III

Let's see if you can identify and avoid some common mistakes. Which of the following sentences are correct? Tick the correct sentences:

- This is the scarf that I just bought it.
- These are the chocolates that Jane got me for Christmas
- You should try these chocolates that they taste so good.
- A shop that it sells all kinds of things is called a department store.
- Let's see the stuff that you bought yesterday!
- What do you think of this hat that I found in the secondhand store?



More practice on this topic: <http://roadtogrammar.com/units/shopping/activity/index.html>

Take a guess

Going by their names, what do think these shops sell?

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| 1 Chatime | 5 Dairy Queen | 9 Piercing Pagoda |
| 2 City Shades | 6 Foot Locker | 10 World of Cellular |
| 3 Cool Treats | 7 Alexander's Patisserie | |
| 4 A Cut Above | 8 Men's Wearhouse | |

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Reading: New Shops!

Three great new shopping experiences coming to Oakville Mall in July!

Oakville Mall is pleased to announce three shops opening in July:

Salon du Chocolat

Nothing says happiness better than a tasty chocolate treat!

The Salon du Chocolat offers a **mouth-watering** selection of over fifty varieties of chocolates. Pick and mix the chocolates for yourself or choose from the many gift packs available. We use only the finest Bolivian chocolate, sourced from small suppliers.

Need a break? Sit and enjoy one of our hot chocolate creations. If you're feeling adventurous, you may even want to try our famous Aztec Cuppa - that's hot chocolate with a hit of chili pepper!

The Fixer Upper

If you have a **home improvement** project in mind, The Fixer Upper can make it easy for you!

We have tools for every kind of job and every type of **nail, screwdriver, tile, paint** or **fixture** you can think of.

Home improvement projects can be stressful, but The Fixer Upper is here to help with resident experts to advise you on wiring, **plumbing** and automotive issues. We offer a range of 'do-it-yourself' guides with detailed step-by-step instructions.

So whether you're a **handyman** or even a handywoman, come pay us a visit today!

OT Tee

There's one thing that never **goes out of style**, and that's the **humble** t-shirt!

At OT Tee, we have t-shirts to suit everyone's taste. We have funny t-shirts, arty t-shirts, sports t-shirts, loose t-shirts, tight t-shirts... we've got a lot of t-shirts!

As a special opening offer, for the month of July, we are having a **buy-one-get-one-free** sale on our **entire range**.

Visit our website for more great deals.

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Task 1

Check your understanding of the phrases in bold in the text.

Task 2

Write the name of the correct shop in the space provided:

_____ This shop provides assistance to their shoppers who need it

_____ This shop will be having a sale

_____ This shop claims to have something for everyone

_____ This shop would be good place to buy a present.

_____ This shop sells luxury items

_____ This shop aims to ease a stressful situation

Task 3

An imperative sentence or phrase is a direct command or instruction:

Stand up.

Sit down.

Please **open the window.**

If you're in town, **give me a call.**

Find and underline one imperative in each of the three descriptions of shops.



“Move it!”

An imperative is a direct command.

Writing a Product Review

Imagine that you have recently bought one of the following items online:

- a smartphone
- a watch
- a handbag
- a shirt
- an antique
- a hamper
- a sofa
- a rug



The website has a section where you can write reviews of the product you bought. Use your imagination and write a review for your product. It can be a positive or negative review. Write about 100 words.

Here's a sample:

I bought this TV to play games on and occasionally watch cable in my living room. The size is good and I am very glad I didn't go any smaller than 50". The style of the TV is very nice; the slim design is nice to have but isn't as important a factor.

Unfortunately, this model does not have any 'smart' features. It won't connect to the Internet and you can't download apps for it. For the price, this is probably too much to ask.

Of course, some of the more expensive TVs would look nicer and have some other cool features, but I think this set is pretty much ideal for anyone in my situation.

Conversation questions

Discuss these questions in small groups, as per your trainer's instructions:

- 1 Are there any good shopping malls near where you live?
- 2 Do you prefer to use cash or credit cards when you shop?
- 3 Do you ever buy things online?
- 4 Are you a bargain hunter?
- 5 What are some ways that shops try to get you to spend more money?
- 6 What is the biggest purchase that you have made this year?
- 7 Women seem more likely than men to enjoy shopping. Why is this?
- 8 Do you ever feel that things are getting too expensive?
- 9 Do you keep up to date with the latest trends?
- 10 What are some things that you feel are a waste of money?



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Vocab Check

Here is some of the vocabulary covered in this unit. Let's see how well you can remember it:

chores *exaggerate* *cuisine* *quintessentially*
plumber *hardware* *hamper* *adorable*

- 1 What an _____ kitten!
- 2 Kumiko's serves the best Japanese _____ in town.
- 3 I may get Aunt Beth a _____ for Christmas.
- 4 I need to go to the _____ store and buy a hammer.
- 5 The kitchen tap is leaking. We'd better call a _____.
- 6 Don't _____; I'm sure the movie wasn't that bad.
- 7 My wife went shopping and left me at home to finish these _____.
- 8 Harrods is _____ British!

Answer Key:

Listening part 1

Circle the things that Sally bought:

a handbag, chocolates, earrings, a skirt, shoes, dresses

Listening part 2

1 Is Harrods the largest department store in the world?

No. (It is the largest in Europe)

2 Is Harrods known for cheap or expensive goods?

Harrods is known for expensive goods

3 What happens in January at Harrods?

There is a sale

4 Who owns Harrods?

Currently, Harrods is owned by Qatar Holdings

5 What is Harrods considering in the future?

Harrods is considering expanding into China.

Listening part 3

one million = Harrods' floor space is about one million square feet

330 = Harrods has over 330 departments

300,000 = Harrods receives up to 300,000 shoppers on a busy day

60% = In the January sale, there are discounts of up to 60%

615 million = Harrods was bought for 615 million pounds in 1985

1.5 billion = In 2010, Harrods was sold for 1.5 billion pounds

50 = Harrods has opened 50 signature stores worldwide

20 million = Shanghai has a population of over 20 million people

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Part I (sample answers)

1 My brother has a watch that can be worn when diving.

2 Let's go to a restaurant that has a buffet.

3 I bought a TV that has a 55-inch screen.

- 4 Furniture that is made out of wood is a good choice.
- 5 Items that are manufactured in China are often much cheaper.
- 6 I bought my niece a doll that speaks when you squeeze it.

Part II (sample answers)

- 1 This is the place that I told you about!
- 2 Look! These are the same cups that Sarah uses.
- 3 This shop doesn't stock the brand that I usually buy.
- 4 We need to buy Mario a present that he can take with him to college.
- 5 How much were those trays that you bought yesterday?
- 6 I'm tired from all this shopping. Let's find a place that we can sit and get a coffee.

Part III

Sentences in red are incorrect:

This is the scarf that I just bought it.

These are the chocolates that Jane got me for Christmas

You should try these chocolates that they taste so good.

A shop that it sells all kinds of things is called a department store.

Let's see the stuff that you bought yesterday!

What do you think of this hat that I found in the secondhand store?

Take a guess

- | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 tea | 5 ice cream | 9 earring, piercing services |
| 2 sunglasses | 6 shoes | 10 phones |
| 3 ice cream | 7 cakes and pastries | |
| 4 hairdressing services | 8 men's clothing | |

Reading:

Task 2

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Task 3

Imperative sentences:

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