Focus

Before you read. What do you like doing in your spare time? Make a list, then talk about it with a partner. Is shopping on either of your lists? If yes, why?

Read about it

The British love shopping and it has become a major pastime for many people. Do you love shopping? Are you a 'shopaholic'? Complete this questionnaire and find out! Put a tick (\checkmark) in the box next to the best answer.

 Do you go shopping at the weekend? a Always. I love shopping! b Sometimes. I don't mind shopping, but there are other things I want to do. c Never. I hate shopping. 	
 2 Do you shop: a alone? b with friends? c with a member of your family? 3 How much do you spend? a Too much! I never have enough money for all the things I want. b Quite a lot, but I always have money left for other things I want to do. c Very little, I don't always spend money when I go shopping. 4 If a friend invites you to the cinema on a Saturday afternoon, do you: a refuse, because you prefer to go shopping? b agree, but feel you might be missing 	 5 Read these statements. Which one do you agree with? a A weekend without shopping is no fun! b Shopping is OK, but I enjoy doing lots of other things as well. c I don't enjoy shopping, I find it boring. 6 When the sales are on, what do you do? a I get there as early as I can, so as not to miss a bargain. b I sometimes go, just to have a look round. c I stay away from the shops at sale time. I hate shopping in crowds.
out on a bargain at the shops? c agree, you are often free on a Saturday?	a pastime a hobby, a free-time activity

Now add up your points!

Score 3 points for every a) answer, 2 points for every b) answer and 1 point for every c) answer.

15–18: Oh dear! You really love shopping, and could be a 'shopaholic'. Try to develop some new interests which do not involve shops and spending money!

11–14: You enjoy shopping, but you enjoy other things too. You have a balanced attitude to shopping.

6-10: You hate shopping. Try visiting markets, they have a lot of character and are a good way to meet people. Shopping can be fun!

- a shopaholic someone who loves shopping and cannot stop
- to miss out (on something) to lose an opportunity
- a bargain something for sale at a very good price
- the sales a time when shops reduce their prices
- to have a look round to look in a shop or place because you are curious

crowds lots of people in one place

Key language

Look at the faces and sentences below.







I enjoy going to markets



I don't mind going to markets



I don't like going to markets



I hate going to markets

After verbs such as love, like, enjoy, don't mind and hate the verb which follows takes the 'ing' form.

For example:

We don't mind going to markets.

Do you like visiting shopping malls?

She doesn't enjoy going to the sales.

Sometimes the spelling of the verb changes. If the last letter of the verb is: *p, r, t, r, m* or *l,* it is doubled before the 'ing' is added. (There are exceptions, e.g. waiting.)

For example:

I hate swimming.

Sam enjoys travelling.

Now turn to page 74 for practice!

Talk about it

- 2 Find out about your classmate's shopping habits! Look at this list of questions, write three more of your own, then interview a partner.
 - Do you like spending money?
 - What do you like buying?
 - Do you like hunting for bargains?
 - What else do you like doing in your free time?

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Write about it

Write a paragraph about your partner's shopping habits. Use the questions you asked in *Talk about it* to help you.

Use the example below as a model.

My friend Roberto is Italian. He loves shopping with his friends on Saturday afternoons.

He likes buying designer clothes, when he has got enough money.

He enjoys ...



Before you listen. Make a list of different items of clothing. For example: T-shirt, jeans
Then compare your list with a partner.

Isobel and her friend Rehman are shopping. Listen to the dialogue and write down what they buy.

REHMAN This black one's nice.

ISOBEL Hmm. Why don't you try it on?

REHMAN Good idea. Excuse me. Can I try

this T-shirt on, please?

Assistant Sure. The changing room's

over there.

ISOBEL What do you think?

REHMAN It's a bit small. I'll ask

if they have a larger

size.

(To the assistant)
Excuse me.
Do you have this
T-shirt in a larger size?

Assistant Just a moment, I'll

have a look. Here you are.

REHMAN Yes, this one's much better.

I think I'll take it.

Isobel It looks nice. How much is it?

REHMAN £12.99, reduced from £19.99. It's a bargain!

Assistant How do you want to pay?

Rehman Oh, I'll pay by credit card.

(To Isobel) I won't pay for it in cash, I'll need some

money later on.

to try (something) on to put clothes/shoes on to see if they are the right size

changing room a room in a shop where you can try clothes on

a bit a little

to have a look (in this context) to go and find out reduced the price is lower than before later on at a time in the future cash money; coins and notes

- 3 Listen again and answer these questions.
 - a What colour is the T-shirt Rehman chooses?
 - b What is the problem with the T-shirt when he tries it on?
 - c Does the assistant find what Rehman wants?
 - d Does Rehman buy the T-shirt?
 - e How much does it cost?
 - f How does Rehman pay?

Key language

Look at these sentences from the dialogue.

I'll take it.
subject + will ('II) + verb + object
I won't pay for it in cash.
subject + will not (won't) + verb + object

We use will future for decisions we make as we speak. For example:

Dave The phone's ringing.
Pete OK, I'll answer it.

Now turn to page 74 for practice!

Sounds like this!

4 Listen and repeat these sentences from the dialogue.

Try to copy the speaker's stress and intonation.

I'll take it.
I won't pay for it in cash.
Can I try this on, please?

How much is it?

How do you want to pay?

Now work in groups of three and act out the dialogue in activity 2.



Write a dialogue between a customer (Sonia), and a shop assistant. Sonia wants to buy a pair of jeans and asks the assistant to help her find the right size and colour. Begin like this:

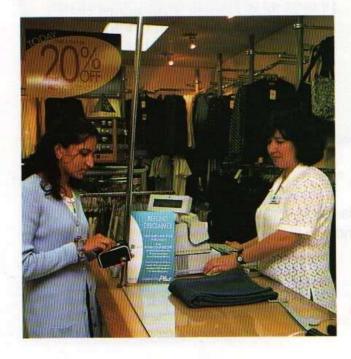
Sonia

Excuse me. I like these jeans, but have you

got them in a larger size?

Assistant

Just a moment, I'll have a look.



When you have finished, act out your dialogue with a partner.