

## Focus

- 1 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 (✓) in the box next to the best answer.

- 1 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 out on a bargain at the shops?
  - ☐ c agree, you are often free on a Saturday?
- 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.



### 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 pastime** a hobby, a free-time activity

**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 love going to markets*



*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

- 3** 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 ...*



## Tune in

- 1 Before you listen. Make a list of different items of clothing. For example: T-shirt, jeans  
Then compare your list with a partner.
- 2 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 ('ll)* + 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.*

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## 🔊 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.*

*How much is it?*

*I won't pay for it in cash.*

*How do you want to pay?*

*Can I try this on, please?*

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

## Write about it

- 5** 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.*



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