

■ 18. Shopping

Unit 4 Step 9

Before watching

1 Discuss these questions in groups of 3.

- Do you go out shopping regularly?
- Do you spend a lot of time in large shopping centres?
- What kind of things do you buy?
- Do you spend all your pocket money every week?
- Do your parents buy clothes for you or do you use your pocket money?
- What are your favourite shops?

2 Look at the words in the box and check any unfamiliar meanings in the dictionary. Sort them into two categories: words about shopping in general and words / expressions specifically about clothes.

a bargain • the High Street • jeans • pocket money • out of style • colours • that clash • T-shirt • online shopping • tracksuit • miniskirt • shopping centre

| Words / expressions about shopping in general | Words / expressions about clothes |
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While watching

3 Watch from 00.00 to 00.25 and answer the following two questions.

1. When does Rachel have free time?
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2. How does she normally spend it?
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4 Watch from 00.26 to 00.55 and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F).

- | | T | F |
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| 1. People spend two hours a month shopping. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Young people prefer shopping in city centres. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Young people get 18 euros a week pocket money. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. They spend all their pocket money every week. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5 Now watch from 00.56 to 01.45 and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F).

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| 1. Sales are only in January. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. More than 500,000 people come to Oxford Street in the period before Christmas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. There are small specialised shops in London. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. 44% of people in Britain still prefer traditional shopping to online shopping. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6 Now watch 01.46 to 02.01 without sound and answer the questions.

1. What can you see here?
.....
2. What kind of place does it seem to be?
.....

7 Watch again with sound and complete the missing words in the tapescript.

If you're looking for an (1) to traditional High Street shopping you can take a (2) to Camden Loch market. It's open every day and a great (3) to get alternative clothes and (4) – there's good (5) here, as well. Be careful though, even if it's a market some of the things here can be quite (6)

- 8 Watch the video from 02.02 to the end. Look at the young people in the photographs – match the name with what they say about clothes they wear.



Mike

Sandy

Rebecca



Rachel

Frankie

Who:

1. thinks everyone has their own style?
..... and
2. loves wearing jeans and T-shirts?
..... and
3. shops at the Topman, H&M and JJB stores?
.....
4. wears T-shirts and trousers but sometimes dresses?
5. wears football shirts?
6. makes himself / herself unique by wearing unfashionable clothes or clashing colours?
.....
7. thinks popular people go around in miniskirts and tracksuits?
8. likes wearing a football shirts?

After watching

- 9 Shopping questionnaire! Divide into 2 groups.

Group 1: Create a short questionnaire to find out what people's favourite shops are in general, what they buy and how much they spend there. Find someone from the other group and ask your questions. Then go back into your original group and put your results together. Write down a few relevant statistics that you found.

Three people like AC records because they find all their favourite albums there.

Group 2: Create a questionnaire to find out what shops people use to buy their clothes, what they think of the prices, styles etc and which shops they don't use. Find someone from the other group and ask your questions. Then go back into your original group and put your results together. Write down a few relevant statistics that you found.

Three people shop in Benetton because they like the fashion designs....

- 10 Writing activity. In a Sunday magazine there's a regular article called "My worst buy" in which people describe something they bought but wasn't right for them. Write a paragraph explaining exactly why something you bought was such a bad buy. Now do the same for your "best buy".

- 11 Web activity. Look at the following website which offers shopping advice for foreign students studying in Bologna: <http://www.flashgiovani.it/english/sez/pag253.htm>.

Read the first paragraph on "Clothes" and then write a similar one for your own town / city or one that you know very well.

- 12 Write a description of your favourite shop. Describe:

- the appearance of the shop
- the items for sale
- the shop assistants
- the people you normally find in the shop.