



Clothes & Shopping

Shop 'til you drop!

Idiom of the month:

The expression **shop 'til you drop** means:

- (a) to dislike shopping
- (b) to like shopping
- (c) to shop for a long time and feel very tired after shopping
- (d) to shop for a short time and feel good after shopping

Scroll down to check the answer!

TOPIC

Ready to study?

In this lesson you will:



learn some new vocabulary related to shopping and clothes...

practice your pronunciation and learn about syllable stress... practice a conversation...

and read an article about shopping in New Zealand.

Vocabulary

1. Match the words below with their meanings on the left:

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|-------------------|-----|---|
| 1. a jumper | (a) | a place where you can try on clothes in a shop |
| 2. accessory | (b) | another name for a warm suit jacket |
| 3. a blazer | (c) | used to hang clothes in a wardrobe (usually metal or wooden) |
| 4. trousers | (d) | a person who helps customers in a shop |
| 5. cash register | (e) | another name for a sweater in New Zealand |
| 6. fitting room | (f) | an object that you wear, other than clothing, e.g. a necklace |
| 7. shop assistant | (g) | a piece of clothing that covers both legs individually |
| 8. coat hanger | (h) | the machine where money is kept at the front of the shop |

2. All of the words above are nouns. Are the plural forms below all correct? For example, **jumper** can become **jumpers** if there is more than one.

___ Jumpers ___ accessories ___ blazers
___ trouser ___ cash registers ___ fitting rooms
___ shop assistants ___ coat hangers

3. Look at the names of different clothing in the box below. Which ones can you wear **above** your waist and which ones do you wear **below** your waist? Look at the pictures to help you.

above



sweater shoes
hat socks
belt scarf
t-shirt trousers
stockings bra
blazer tie

below



Pronunciation

Syllable stress is very important when you speak English. It helps your pronunciation to sound more natural.

Look at the example of how we show syllable stress in individual words:



Can you match the words below with the patterns above?

t-shirt belt jumper hanger trousers socks
stockings scarf department shoelaces

Scroll down to check the answer!

Conversation

Look at the words used in this short conversation. Try to say the sentences out loud to yourself to practice. Good luck!

TIP: Replace the words in **green** with other clothes words from today:

Shop Assistant: May I help you?
Customer: Yes! I'll take this **sweater**, thanks.
Shop Assistant: Would you like to try that **sweater** on?
Customer: Yes, please.
Shop Assistant: The fitting room is just over there.

Reading

Before you read, think back to your time in New Zealand.

Did you buy souvenirs?
Was it difficult to find souvenir shops in Auckland?
What was your favourite souvenir that you bought in NZ?

Look at the text below, taken from a travel guide to New Zealand.

Souvenir Paradise!

Shopping in New Zealand is becoming more and more fashionable, with New Zealand growing to be a travellers' hotspot.

Your experience of shopping in New Zealand - the land of delightful surprises - promises to be unique. Here you'll get everything from branded clothing, jewellery, carvings, handcrafts, sheepskin rugs, woollen goods and accessories.

To make shopping in New Zealand more memorable, you should try to buy products that are traditionally 'kiwi'.

The famous Rotorua mud products, as well as Maori woodwork and carvings are popular souvenirs, while greenstone jewellery can be purchased at a low price.

So before you make the final plans of your trip to New Zealand, don't forget to check out where the best places are to shop!

<http://www.online-world.com/>

Check your understanding by answering the following questions:

Select **True** or **False**:

- You can buy mud carvings in Rotorua.
- Buying traditional products makes shopping more memorable.
- Shopping in New Zealand is becoming unfashionable.
- Greenstone is not expensive to buy.

Scroll down to check the answers!

Answer Key

Idiom of the month:

The expression 'shop 'til you drop' means:

shop = the verb used for buying things 'til = until drop = a verb which means to fall over

(c) to shop for a long time and feel very tired after shopping

STUDY TIP: You could use the expression in this way -

"I just got paid and *I'm going to shop 'til I drop today!* I'm going to buy shoes, a sweater, new socks, underwear...."

Vocabulary

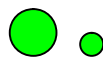
1. 6/A, 3/B, 7/D, 5/H, 1/E, 4/G, 8/C, 2/F
2. Accessory = accessories & trouser = trousers
3. Above = sweater, hat, scarf, t-shirt, blazer, tie, bra.
 Below = socks, shoes, trousers, stockings.
 Belt is worn on you waist – it is not above or below!

Pronunciation



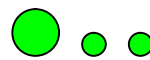
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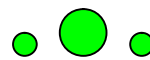
sweater

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register

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umbrella

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belt	t-shirt	Shoelaces	department
socks	jumper		
scarfe	hanger		
	trousers		
	stockings		

Answer Key

Reading

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