Shopping ESL lesson plan (A1)

A1 (beginner) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- Do you like shopping?
- Where do you buy your food?
- What did you buy last week?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
shop	to go to stores to buy things	I shop at the supermarket on Saturdays.
store	a place where you buy things (British English: shop)	The store opens at nine.
supermarket	a big shop that sells food and things for the home	I buy milk at the supermarket.
market	a place, often outside, where people sell food and other things	We buy fruit at the market.
buy	to get something by paying money for it	I want to buy a new phone.
sell	to give something to someone for money	They sell fresh bread here.
pay	to give money for something	Can I pay by card?
price	how much money something costs	What's the price of this bag?
cheap	not costing a lot of money	These shoes are very cheap.
expensive	costing a lot of money	London is an expensive city.

Grammar focus (10 min): Would like and want

Omar and Bea are at a restaurant. Luca, the waiter, asks: “Would you like a drink?” Bea says: “Yes, please. I’d like a lemonade.” Omar says: “I’d like to see the menu first.” By the end of this lesson you can order, offer and invite politely.

Form	Pattern	Example
Order	I’d like + noun, please	I’d like a coffee, please.
Wish	I’d like to / I want to + verb	I’d like to book a table.
Offer / invite	Would you like (to)...?	Would you like to come?
Like ≠ would like	like = in general · would like = now	I like tea. I’d like a tea.

Watch for: ~~I would like book a room.~~ → **I would like to book a room.**. Before a verb: to.

Speaking (15 min): Return it without the receipt

The learner wants to return something that broke after two days but has lost the receipt. You are the shop assistant who must follow the rules. They have to stay polite, explain the problem and suggest two solutions.

Useful language

- How much is this? / How much are these?
- Can I try it on? / Can I pay by card?
- a receipt · a refund · a discount · a queue
- Have you got this in a... ?
- It’s a bargain. / It’s overpriced.
- I’m just looking, thanks.

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about shopping using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 shopping vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

closed · card · size · open · money · cash · change · bag

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. Do you have any _____?
2. The shop is _____ on Sundays.
3. What _____ are you?
4. Do you need a _____?
5. I don't have much _____.
6. Here's your _____.
7. Is the bank _____ on Saturday?
8. I'll pay by _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. Do you prefer shopping online or in shops?
2. How much is a coffee in your city?
3. What is your favourite shop?
4. Who do you go shopping with?
5. What do you want to buy this year?

Write

Write 80–120 words about shopping. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 cash · 2 closed · 3 size · 4 bag · 5 money · 6 change · 7 open · 8 card