Shopping ESL lesson plan (A2)

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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
try on	to put on clothes to see if they fit	Can I try on this jacket?
fitting room	a small room in a shop where you try on clothes	The fitting rooms are at the back.
fit	to be the right size for someone	These jeans don't fit me.
receipt	a piece of paper that shows what you paid	Keep the receipt in case you want to return it.
return	to take something back to the shop	I returned the shoes because they were too small.
refund	money you get back when you return something	Can I have a refund?
sale	a time when a shop sells things at lower prices	There's a big sale at the mall.
discount	a lower price than usual	Students get a 10% discount.
special offer	a lower price for a short time	Coffee is on special offer this week.
customer	a person who buys things in a shop	The shop was full of customers.

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 A2 shopping vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Shopping (A2)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

Online shopping · queue · mall · shopping list · checkout · shop assistant · deliver · ordered

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. Let's meet at the _____.
2. Don't forget the _____!
3. Ask the _____ for help.
4. There was a long _____ at the checkout.
5. They _____ in two days.
6. _____ is quick and easy.
7. Please pay at the _____.
8. I _____ a book online.

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 mall · 2 shopping list · 3 shop assistant · 4 queue · 5 deliver · 6 Online shopping · 7 checkout · 8 ordered