Shopping ESL lesson plan (B1)

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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)

- What is the best thing you have ever bought?
- Have you ever bought something and regretted it?
- Do you compare prices before you buy?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
browse	to look at things in a shop without a plan to buy	I'm just browsing, thanks.
window-shopping	looking at things in shop windows without buying	We went window-shopping in the city.
impulse buy	something you buy suddenly without planning	That jacket was an impulse buy.
shopaholic	a person who loves shopping too much	My sister is a total shopaholic.
second-hand	used before by another person	I buy second-hand books online.
secondhand store	a shop that sells used things (British English: charity shop)	I found this dress in a secondhand store.
complain	to say that you are not happy with something	I complained about the broken phone.
complaint	a statement that you are not happy	I'd like to make a complaint.
faulty	not working properly	The charger was faulty.
exchange	to give something back and get another thing	Can I exchange this for a bigger size?

Grammar focus (10 min): Polite requests and offers: could you, would you mind

It's Monday at a design agency. Kate asks her new colleague: "Could you send me the report, please?" Then she asks her boss: "Would you mind checking my presentation?" A visitor arrives. Kate: "Shall I take your coat? Would you like me to get you some water?" By the end of this lesson you can make polite requests and offers.

Form	Pattern	Example
Requests	Can you · Could you · Would you + base form	Could you send me the file?
Very polite	Would you mind + -ing? · I was wondering if you could…	Would you mind checking this?
Permission	Could I / May I…? · Do you mind if I + present?	Do you mind if I open the window?
Offers	Shall I…? · Would you like me to…? · Let me…	Shall I take your coat?

Watch for: ~~Would you mind to help me?~~ → **Would you mind helping me?**. Mind + -ing.

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 B1 shopping vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

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Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

compare · overpriced · value for money · track · in stock · Delivery · out of stock · loyalty card

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. The meal was great _____.
2. Do you have a _____?
3. Sorry, that model is _____.
4. _____ is free on orders over $50.
5. Always _____ prices online.
6. Everything at the airport is _____.
7. You can _____ your order online.
8. Do you have this jacket _____ in blue?

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. Have you ever had to return something? What happened?
2. What do you never mind spending money on?
3. How have your shopping habits changed in the last few years?
4. Do you buy second-hand things?
5. What is the best present you have given someone?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 value for money · 2 loyalty card · 3 out of stock · 4 Delivery · 5 compare · 6 overpriced · 7 track · 8 in stock