Shopping ESL lesson plan (B2)

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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
consumerism	the idea that buying more things is good	Some people reject consumerism and buy only what they need.
retail therapy	shopping to feel happier	After a bad week, I needed some retail therapy.
fast fashion	cheap clothes made quickly to follow the latest trends	Fast fashion creates a lot of waste.
ethical	made or sold in a way that is fair to people and the environment	I try to buy from ethical brands.
counterfeit	a fake copy made to look real	Police seized counterfeit handbags.
knock-off	a cheap copy of a famous product (informal)	It's not a real Rolex, it's a knock-off.
hidden fees	extra costs that are not clearly shown	Watch out for hidden fees when you book.
subscription	money you pay regularly to receive a product or service	I've canceled three subscriptions.
marked down	with a lower price than before	All winter coats are marked down by 40%.
rip off	to cheat someone by charging too much (informal)	The taxi driver ripped us off.

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 B2 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

indulged · retailers · high street · frugal · binged · bulk · cost an arm and a leg · Consumers

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. We buy rice in _____.
2. I _____ on online shopping during the sale.
3. My grandparents were very _____.
4. I _____ in a pair of designer shoes.
5. Many _____ shops have closed.
6. Online _____ are growing fast.
7. _____ are spending less this year.
8. That sofa _____.

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 bulk · 2 binged · 3 frugal · 4 indulged · 5 high street · 6 retailers · 7 Consumers · 8 cost an arm and a leg