

Communicative worksheet

Buying things

1 Ask students to look at the story in the pictures. Ask:

Who are the people and where are they?

What does the man need to buy?

What does his girlfriend think of his clothes?

Which places does the man like and why?

Which places and type of clothes does his girlfriend like? Why?

What does he buy in the end?

Alternative activity

Ask students to tell the story of the man's trips to the shops under the title:

It's in the sale!

2 Brainstorm words and phrases the man, his girlfriend and the sales people could use in their conversations. For example: *it costs ...; on sale; reduced; etc.*

3 Divide the class into pairs and hand out the Student cards. Ask students to compare their sets of expressions in pairs.

Answers

The following sentences have similar meanings:

1 & 3 2 & 5 3 & 1 4 & 2 5 & 4

4 Ask pairs to choose roles and to prepare expressions that they could use in their conversation.

With a strong class, ask students to improvise the conversation in pairs.

With a weaker class, ask students to work in pairs to prepare and write a conversation before acting out.

Once students have chosen and acted out one situation, ask them to change roles and act out another conversation. Students could act out three or four different situations from the pictures.

5 Ask some pairs to act out one of their improvised or prepared conversations for the class. To create a task for the class, write the following question on the board, and ask students to listen and find the answers:

Does the man buy the shorts and t-shirt? Why? Why not?

Extension activity

You could organise this as a class activity. Half the class are shop assistants in the different types of 'shops' – tell them to make a shop sign. The other half of the class walk round and visit different shops, improvising dialogues in each shop.

6 Personalise

Ask students to say what type of shops they go to to buy different types of clothes. Find out who prefers designer shops, markets, high street department stores or online shopping and why.