VocabNote

Shopping: 100 English Words

Level A2 · 100 words

Stores, prices, payments, sizes, and returns for confident shopping.

Kinds of shops

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
supermarket noun · /ˈsuːpəˌmɑːkɪt/	A large self-service shop selling food and various household goods.	I need to go to the supermarket for some bread.
grocery store phrase · /ˈgroʊsəri stɔːr/	A retail shop that primarily sells food and various household supplies.	I need to go to the grocery store for milk.
bakery noun · /ˈbeɪkə-i/	A shop where bread, cakes, and pastries are made and sold.	The smell of fresh bread always makes me want to visit the bakery.
bookstore noun · /ˈbʊk.stɔːr/	A retail shop that primarily sells books to the public.	I visited the local bookstore to buy a new novel.
clothing store noun · /ˈkloʊðɪŋ stɔːr/	A retail shop that specializes in selling various types of garments.	She bought a new dress at the local clothing store.
shoe store noun · /ʃuː stɔːr/	A retail shop that specializes in selling various types of footwear.	I visited a local shoe store to buy new sneakers.
drugstore noun · /ˈdrʌgstɔːr/	A store selling medicines, toiletries, and various small household items.	I need to go to the drugstore for some aspirin.
department store noun · /dɪˈpɑːrtmənt stɔːr/	A large retail shop selling many different types of consumer goods.	They went to the department store to buy new clothes.
convenience store noun · /kənˈviːniəns stɔːr/	A small shop open long hours selling basic food and household items.	I stopped at the convenience store to buy some milk.
shopping mall phrase · /ˈʃɑːpɪŋ mɔːl/	A large indoor building containing many different shops and restaurants.	We spent all afternoon walking around the big shopping mall.
butcher noun · /ˈbʊtʃər/	A shop that prepares and sells meat.	We buy fresh meat at the local butcher every Saturday.
gift shop noun · /gɪft ʃɒp/	A store selling small items suitable for giving as presents.	We bought some local souvenirs at the gift shop.
toy store noun · /tɔɪ stɔːr/	A retail shop that specializes in selling toys for children.	We visited a large toy store in the city center.
jewelry store noun · /ˈdʒuːəlri stɔːr/	A retail shop that sells items like rings, necklaces, and watches.	She bought a beautiful silver necklace at the jewelry store.
hardware store phrase · /ˈhɑːrd.wer stɔːr/	A shop that sells tools, building materials, and various household supplies.	I bought a new hammer at the local hardware store.

In the store

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go shopping phrase · /gəʊ ˈʃɒp.ɪŋ/	To visit shops to buy clothes, food, or other necessary items.	I usually go shopping for groceries every single Sunday morning.

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shopping list phrase · /ˈʃɒpɪŋ lɪst/	A written list of items that you intend to buy today.	I always write a shopping list before visiting the market.
customer noun · /ˈkʌstəmə-/	A person who buys goods or services from a shop or business.	The customer bought a new pair of shoes from the store.
shopping cart phrase · /ˈʃɒpɪŋ kɑːrt/	A wheeled basket used for holding groceries while shopping in stores.	I pushed my heavy shopping cart through the long aisle.
shopping bag phrase · /ˈʃɒpɪŋ bæg/	A durable bag used to carry items bought from a store.	I always carry a reusable shopping bag to the store.
shopping basket phrase · /ˈʃɒpɪŋ ˈbɑːskɪt/	A container used to hold items while you are shopping in stores.	I put all my groceries into the small shopping basket.
shelf noun · /ʃɛlf/	A flat horizontal board used for storing or displaying various objects.	I placed the heavy book on the wooden wall shelf.
aisle noun · /aɪl/	A passage between rows of shelves in a shop.	You can find the rice in aisle five, next to the pasta.
wait in line phrase · /weɪt ɪn laɪn/	To stand in a row of people waiting for your turn.	We had to wait in line for the movie tickets.
fitting room phrase · /ˈfɪtɪŋ ruːm/	A small room where customers try on clothes before they buy.	She went into the fitting room to try the dress.
salesperson noun · /ˈseɪlzˌpɜːrsn/	A person whose job is to sell products or services to customers.	The polite salesperson helped me choose a new winter coat.
product noun · /ˈpɹɑdəkt/	Something a company makes and sells for money, often in large quantities.	This new phone is the company's latest product on the market.
brand noun · /brænd/	A type of product made by a particular company under its own name.	I usually prefer to buy a well known clothing brand.
browse verb · /braʊz/	To look at things in a shop without planning to buy anything.	She likes to browse in bookstores for hours.
window shopping idiom · /ˈwɪn.doʊ ˌʃɑː.pɪŋ/	Looking at goods in store windows without intending to buy them.	We spent the afternoon window shopping in the city center.
display verb · /dɪˈspleɪ/	To put something in a place where people can see it.	The museum will display ancient artifacts for visitors to admire.
opening hours phrase · /ˈəʊpnɪŋ ˌaʊərz/	The specific times when a shop or business is open daily.	Please check our opening hours before you visit the store.
customer service phrase · /ˈkʌstəmər ˌsɜːrvɪs/	The assistance and advice provided to people who purchase company products.	She has worked in customer service for ten long years.
self-checkout noun · /ˌselfˈtʃekaʊt/	A system where customers scan and pay for their own items.	I prefer using the self-checkout lane at the store.
shoplifting noun · /ˈʃɒplɪftɪŋ/	The act of stealing goods from a shop while pretending to shop.	The security guard caught the teenager shoplifting expensive designer clothes.

Prices & deals

WORD	ENGLISH DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
price noun · /praɪs/	The amount of money expected in exchange for a specific item.	The price of this laptop is too high for me.

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cost noun · /ˈkɑst/	The amount of money required to buy, make, or do something.	The cost of the new car was much higher than we expected.
how much phrase · /haʊ mʌtʃ/	Used to ask about the price or quantity of something uncountable.	How much does this new blue sweater cost right now?
cheap adjective · /ˈtʃip/	Not costing much money; inexpensive or low in price.	I bought a cheap shirt at the store during the sale.
expensive adjective · /ɪkˈspɛnsɪv/	Costing a lot of money; not cheap to buy or use.	That new car is very expensive, so I cannot afford it.
afford verb · /əˈfɔːrd/	To have enough money or time for something.	We can afford a new car this year.
affordable adjective · /əˈfɔɹdəbəl/	Cheap enough for most people to buy; reasonably priced.	The store offers a wide range of affordable clothing options.
spend verb · /spend/	To use money to buy goods or pay for services.	I will spend my salary on buying new winter clothes.
save money phrase · /seɪv ˈmʌn.i/	To keep money instead of spending it on goods or services.	I try to save money for my future dream house.
bargain noun · /ˈbɑɹgən/	Something that is a very good price, often lower than expected.	This used car was a real bargain; it runs perfectly.
discount noun · /ˈdɪs.kaʊnt/	A reduction in the usual price of something, often to encourage sales.	The store offered a 20% discount on all items.
on sale phrase · /ɒn seɪl/	Available to be bought at a lower price than usual cost.	I bought these new shoes while they were on sale.
half price phrase · /ˌhæf ˈpraɪs/	Costing fifty percent less than the standard or original price.	We bought these winter coats at exactly half price today.
special offer phrase · /ˈspeʃl ˈɒfə(r)/	A product or service sold at a reduced price for consumers.	We bought these shoes during the store special offer period.
deal noun · /diːl/	A good price that saves you money on something you buy.	I got a great deal on these shoes in the sale.
price tag phrase · /ˈpraɪs tæg/	A label showing the cost of an item for sale.	She checked the price tag before buying the new dress.
overpriced adjective · /ˌoʊvərˈpraɪst/	Costing more than it is really worth.	That fancy restaurant was extremely overpriced and quite disappointing today.
rip-off noun · /ˈrɪp.ɒf/	Something that is much too expensive or not worth the money.	That expensive leather jacket is a complete rip-off for sure.
clearance sale phrase · /ˈklɪərəns seɪl/	A sale of stock at reduced prices to clear out goods.	The store is having a clearance sale all this week.
value for money phrase · /ˈvæl.juː fɔːr ˈmʌn.i/	Good quality or usefulness in relation to the price you pay.	This new laptop offers excellent value for money for students.

Paying

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pay verb · /peɪ/	To give money to someone for goods or services received.	I need to pay the electric bill by tomorrow morning.

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pay in cash phrase · /peɪ ɪn kæʃ/	To give money using physical notes and coins for a purchase.	Most small local stores prefer customers to pay in cash.
pay by card phrase · /peɪ baɪ kɑːrd/	To use a bank card for making a financial payment transaction.	I would like to pay by card for this order.
credit card noun · /ˈkrɛdɪt kɑːrd/	A plastic card allowing users to borrow money for purchases later.	I paid for my flight using a standard credit card.
debit card noun · /ˈdeb.ɪt ˌkɑːrd/	A card used to pay by directly deducting money from bank accounts.	I paid for my groceries using my new debit card.
receipt noun · /rɪˈsiːt/	A document proving payment for goods or services received.	Could I have a receipt for this purchase?
keep the change idiom · /kiːp ðə tʃeɪndʒ/	Tell someone they can keep the remaining money after a payment.	You can keep the change for your excellent taxi service.
total noun · /ˈtoʊtl/	The whole amount of money that you have to pay.	The total for your shopping is twenty-five dollars.
checkout noun · /ˈtʃekaʊt/	The place where you pay for items in a store.	Please take your items to the front store checkout now.
cash register noun · /ˈkæʃ ˌredʒɪstər/	A machine that holds money and records sales in a store.	The clerk rang up my purchase at the cash register.
contactless adjective · /ˈkɒntæktləs/	Letting you pay by holding a card or phone near a card reader.	I paid for my morning coffee using a contactless card.
pin number phrase · /pɪn ˈnʌmbər/	A secret code used to verify identity for electronic transactions.	Please enter your pin number to access the bank account.
gift card noun · /ˈgɪft ˌkɑːrd/	A prepaid card used to purchase goods at a specific store.	She received a gift card for her favorite clothing store.
loyalty card phrase · /ˈlɔɪ.əl.ti ˌkɑːrd/	A card showing that you often shop at a specific store.	I always use my loyalty card at the local supermarket.
sales tax noun · /ˈseɪlz tæks/	A tax paid to the government on the sale of goods.	The store price does not include the local sales tax.

Clothes & sizes

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try on phrasal verb · /traɪ ɒn/	To put on a piece of clothing to see if it fits.	I want to try on these blue jeans before buying.
fit verb · /ˈfɪt/	To be the right size and shape for someone.	These jeans fit me perfectly, so I will buy them.
too small phrase · /tuː smɔːl/	Less than the required size for a specific purpose or need.	This blue shirt is too small for me to wear.
too big phrase · /tuː bɪg/	Greater in size, scale, or extent than is necessary or suitable.	The new sofa is simply too big for this room.
too tight phrase · /tuː taɪt/	Fitting so closely that it causes discomfort or restricts movement.	These new leather shoes feel a bit too tight today.
too loose phrase · /tuː luːs/	Too big, so it does not stay close to the body.	These pants are too loose around my thin waist area.

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medium noun · /ˈmiːdiəm/	A middle size, between small and large.	Do you have this T-shirt in a medium, please?
extra large phrase · /ˌekstrə ˈlɑːrdʒ/	Much bigger than the standard or usual size of an item.	He always buys his T-shirts in extra large.
plus size adjective · /ˌplʌs ˈsaɪz/	Describing clothing designed for people larger than standard fashion sizes.	She loves shopping for stylish and comfortable plus size clothing.
shoe size phrase · /ˈʃuː saɪz/	The numerical measurement used to indicate the length of a shoe.	I need to know my correct shoe size for running.
one size fits all phrase · /wʌn saɪz fɪts ɔːl/	Made in one size that is meant to fit everyone.	This hat is one size fits all, so it will fit you.
look good on phrasal verb · /lʊk gʊd ɒn/	To make someone appear attractive or stylish when wearing an item.	That blue dress really looks good on you today, Sarah.
outfit noun · /ˈaʊtfɪt/	A set of clothes worn together for a specific occasion.	She wore a beautiful outfit to the wedding party.
baggy adjective · /ˈbægi/	Clothing that hangs loosely on the body because it is too large.	He likes wearing baggy jeans when he is at home.
trendy adjective · /ˈtrɛndi/	Following the latest fashion or style; very fashionable.	Her new haircut is very trendy right now.

Returns & online

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online shopping phrase · /ˈɒnlaɪn ˈʃɒpɪŋ/	The activity of buying products or services over the internet.	I prefer online shopping because it saves much valuable time.
add to cart phrase · /æd tuː kɑːrt/	To place a product into a virtual shopping basket for purchase.	Please click the button to add items to your cart.
delivery noun · /dɪˈlɪvəɹi/	The act of taking goods, letters, or packages to a person or place.	The pizza delivery arrived quickly, still hot and fresh from the oven.
free shipping phrase · /friː ˈʃɪpɪŋ/	A service where items are delivered without charging the customer extra costs.	Most online stores offer free shipping on large orders today.
tracking number phrase · /ˈtrækɪŋ ˌnʌmbər/	A unique code assigned to a package for monitoring its shipping status.	Please check your email for the package tracking number today.
promo code phrase · /ˈproʊmoʊ koʊd/	A unique string of characters used to get a discount online.	Please enter your promo code at the final checkout screen.
in stock phrase · /ɪn stɒk/	Available for immediate sale or use at a shop or business.	We currently have that item in stock right now.
out of stock phrase · /aʊt əv stɒk/	Not currently available for sale because all items were sold.	I am sorry, but that item is currently out of stock.
sold out phrasal verb · /ˌsoʊld ˈaʊt/	Having no more items available for purchase because they were bought.	The tickets for the concert are completely sold out today.
refund noun · /ˈriːˌfʌnd/	Money returned to a customer who is dissatisfied with a purchase.	I requested a full refund for my defective mobile phone.
exchange verb · /ɪksˈtʃeɪndʒ/	To take something back to a shop and get a different one.	Can I exchange this shirt for a bigger size, please?

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return policy phrase · /rɪˈtɜːrn ˈpɒləsi/	Rules defining how customers can return purchased goods for a refund.	I read the return policy before buying the expensive shoes.
store credit noun phrase · /stɔːr ˈkrɛdɪt/	Money given by a shop instead of a cash refund.	The clerk offered me store credit for the returned item.
faulty adjective · /ˈfɔlti/	Having defects or imperfections; not working correctly or as expected.	The faulty wiring caused the lights to flicker on and off.
money-back guarantee phrase · /ˈmʌn.i.bæk ˌgær.ənˈtiː/	A promise that you can get a full refund if dissatisfied.	The company offers a thirty day money-back guarantee for customers.