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Shopping Vocabulary

Changing room /'tʃeɪndʒɪŋ ru:m/ (N) - A small room for trying on clothes before buying them.

Example: She took 5 dresses into the changing room because she couldn't decide which one to buy.

Fashionable /'fæʃnəbl/ (Adj) - Something that is popular.

Example: It's not very fashionable to wear shorts these days.

Receipt /rɪ'si:t/ (N) - Proof of payment.

Example: If you want or need a refund, you must have the original receipt.

Reasonable /'ri:znəbl/ (Adj) - Not too expensive.

Example: We paid a reasonable price for the TV. A lot less than we expected.

Carrier bag /'kæriə bæɡ/ (N) - A bag (usually plastic) for carrying shopping.

Example: Nowadays, most stores charge a fee for plastic bags so shoppers prefer to use their own re-usable carrier bag.

Market research /'mɑ:kɪt rɪ'sɜ:ʃ/ (N) - Information about the things that people buy.

Example: Our market research shows that our new brand is most popular with teenagers.

Sample /'sɑ:mpl/ (N) - An example of a product.

Example: Can I get a sample of the perfume before I buy it?

Extravagant /ɪks'trævɪɡənt/ (Adj) - Spending too much money.

Example: It's quite extravagant for him to spend so much on flowers, but I guess it's for Valentine's day.

Shopaholic /ˌʃɒpə'hɒlɪk/ (N) - Someone who is addicted to shopping.

Example: She's a real shopaholic. She spends all her free time buying stuff online.

Cashier /kæ'ʃɪə/ (N) - The person who operates the cash register.

Example: The cashier forgot to give me the receipt, so I had to go back to the shop.

Affordable /ə'fɔ:dəbl/ (Adj) - Having enough money to buy something.

Example: It's affordable for us to go abroad for our holidays this year.

Shopping: Idioms

Window shopping - Looking in shop windows without buying anything.

Example: When I was a student, I didn't have much money and would spend my time window shopping at the weekend.



Shop till you drop - Shopping until you are exhausted.

Example: Every year, we have a day out in London and shop till we drop.



Shoplifting - To steal from shops while pretending to be a shopper.

Example: She was convicted of shoplifting. She stole over \$1000 worth of goods.



Cost an arm and a leg - Something you think is very expensive.

Example: The new electric car costs an arm and a leg, but it's worth it because the emissions are less harmful to the environment.



Retail therapy - The idea that shopping makes you feel better.

Example: After a stressful week at work, he likes to do some retail therapy and shop for expensive items that he doesn't really need.



All over the shop - Confused and disorganized.

Example: The department restructure is all over the shop. Nobody knows their new roles.