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Shopping

- Do you enjoy shopping? Why/why not?
- What is your favourite shop? Why?
- Have you ever worked as a shop assistant?
- Trends in shopping

Types of shops

WHOLESALE versus RETAIL

Shopping mall vs department store vs supermarket

1. **bakery** – a place where bread and cakes are baked, or a shop where they are sold
 2. **barber** – a shop where men can have their hair cut
 3. **café** – a small restaurant where you can buy drinks and simple meals
 4. **market** – a time when people buy and sell goods, food, ... or the place, usually outside or in a large building, where this happens
 5. **bookshop** – a shop that sells books
 6. **candy shop** – a happy place where innocent little children go to buy candy
 7. **clothes shop** – a shop selling clothes
 8. **pawn shop** – a pawnbroker's shop / zastavárna/
 9. **boutique** – a small shop that sells fashionable clothes or other objects
 10. **computer shop** – a store that sells computers to the small businessperson or personal user
 11. **butcher's** – a shop where you can buy meat
 13. **mall** – a large area where there are a lot of shops, usually a covered area where cars are not allowed
 14. **delicatessen /deli/** – a shop that sells high quality cheeses, salads, cooked meats, ...
 15. **grocery** – a retail store that primarily sells food
 16. **greengrocer's** – a shop where fresh fruit and vegetables are sold.
 17. **hardware store** – a place to buy household hardware
 18. **music shop** – a retail business that sells musical instruments and related equipment and accessories
 20. **newsagent's** – a business that sells newspapers, magazines, cigarettes, snacks and often items of local interest
21. **jewellery store** – a retail business establishment, that specializes in selling jewellery and watches
22. **restaurant** – a place where you can buy and eat a meal

23. **fishmonger's** – a shop that sells fish
24. **gift shop** – a shop that sells small things that are suitable for giving as presents
25. **toy shop** – a retail business specializing in selling toys
26. **supermarket** – a very large shop that sells food, drinks, and things that people need regularly in their homes
27. **pet shop** – a retail business which sells different kinds of animals to the public
28. **shoe shop** – a type of retailer that specializes in selling shoes

chemist (UK) / **drugstore** (US) – sells medicines and toiletries.

pharmacy (US) – sells medicines.

optician – sells glasses / contact lenses.

corner shop (UK) – a shop on the corner of your street, selling a range of basic goods – food, newspapers, sweets, bread, etc.

flea market – a group of stalls selling old furniture or clothes.

tea shop (UK) – like a cafe, but sells tea and cakes.

petrol station (UK) / **gas station** (US) sells petrol, car products and sometimes food.

Shopping vocabulary – “In the Sales”

Shop lifting

Sales vs discount

December 26 (or Boxing Day) is traditionally the start of the winter sales in the UK, when items are **heavily discounted**. In fact, **bargain hunters** can find some items **reduced up to 50% off** their pre-sale price.

An **unbeatable offer** / **prices slashed** (= cut) or **give-away prices** mean very low prices.

Clearance Sale / **Everything must go!** = signs in shop windows advertising the sales

snap up a bargain = to buy something cheaply

bargain hunters

spending spree

waste, spend money on...

Asking for things in shops

“Do you have any...?”

“I’m looking for...”

“I wonder if you could help me...?”

What the shopkeeper says

“I’m sorry, we’re out of stock.”
“I’m sorry, that’s the last one.”
“I’m sorry, that’s all we have left.”

What a sales person says

“Can I help you?”
“Are you looking for anything in particular?”

Your reply

“I’m just looking, thank you.”
“I’m just **browsing**, thank you.”

Asking about things in shops

“Do you have this in another size?”
“Do you have this in another colour?”
“Is this made of leather / silk / plastic / cotton / ...?”
“Does this come with a guarantee?”
“Is this fully refundable?”
“Can I bring this back if it’s not the right size?”
“Can I bring this back if it doesn’t fit?”

Paying – what the shopkeeper says

“Do you have anything smaller?” (If you pay with a large denomination note.)

Paying – what you say

“I’m sorry, I don’t have any small change.”
“I don’t have anything smaller.”
“Would you have change for this?”
“Can I have the receipt, please?”
“Can I pay by credit card?”
“Can I pay in cash?”
“Is this on sale?”

What is typical of Czech customers?

Current prices of groceries - discounts, membership cards

Sweatshops /modern slavery/ and fast fashion

A sweatshop or sweat factory is a crowded workplace with very poor, socially unacceptable or illegal working conditions. Some illegal working conditions include poor ventilation, little to no breaks, inadequate work space, insufficient lighting, or uncomfortably/dangerously high or low temperatures.

To **haggle, to bargain for sth.**

In which countries do people do it?

Do we do it in the CR?

Second hand stores/ thrift stores