**English conversation 5th Decemeber 2023**

***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**