

## English conversation 5<sup>th</sup> 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**