

# **Shopping for Clothes**

Do you enjoy treating yourself to some new clothes every now and then? Who doesn't! Clothes shopping is fun to do with friends and is a perfect opportunity to change up your style.

Below, you'll find helpful phrases to use when out shopping for clothes. Take a look and get ready for your next shopping trip!

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## **Questions and Statements: Employee**

The following phrases are commonly used by store employees. You'll hear them when being helped or at check-out. Have a look!

Can I help you with anything?

How can I help you?

Can I help you find something?

What size are you?

Unfortunately, this is the only size we have left.

How does the shirt fit?

How about this shirt?

Try this sweater on.

The shoes are out of stock at the moment.

The t-shirts are on sale.

That's \$15 altogether.



#### How does the shirt fit?

When shopping for clothes, it's a good idea to try things on before you buy them. If you want to ask someone whether a piece of clothing that they are trying on is the right size, then you can use the sentence pattern How does + CLOTHING + fit?. In response, they might say something like It fits really nicely.

### **Questions and Statements: Customer**

Here you'll find useful phrases and questions that you can use when looking for help in a clothes store or to describe clothing that you're trying on. Check them out!

Excuse me, can you help me? I'm looking for a summer dress. Could I try this jacket on? May I try these shoes on, please? Where can I try this on? Where are the changing rooms? Do you have this shirt in a smaller size? I'm usually a medium. The jacket is too big. These pants don't fit very well. This sweater is really comfortable. I really like the color of this dress. Does this blouse come in different colors? What material are these shorts? Are these shoes on sale? How much is this shirt? I'll take it.



#### I'm looking for a summer dress

One way to get help from store employees is to tell them what kind of clothing you'd like to buy. To do this, you can use the sentence pattern I'm looking for + CLOTHING. They will then often show or tell you where the article of clothing is in the store. For example, like this I can take you to the dresses we have in stock.

#### Could I try this jacket on?

Use the sentence pattern Could I try + CLOTHING + on? to ask a store employee whether you are allowed to try something on. In response, they'll often show you where you can do this. Here is an example Of course, our changing rooms are around the corner.

#### May I try these shoes on, please?

You can politely ask to try something on by using the sentence pattern May I try + CLOTHING + on, please?. A store employee will then likely show you where you can try it on. For example, like this Sure, I can take you to our changing rooms.

#### How much is this shirt?

In order to find out the price of something, ask an employee a question using the sentence pattern How much is + CLOTHING ?. In response, they will tell you the price, like this It costs \$10.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What are the most essential English phrases to know when out clothes shopping?

What size are you? How does the shirt fit? The shoes are out of stock at the moment. I'm looking for a summer dress. Where can I try this on? Do you have this shirt in a smaller size? I'm usually a medium. Are these shoes on sale?



#### How do I ask someone if I'm allowed to try something on?

There's two ways to find out whether or not you are allowed to try clothes on while in a store:

Could I try + CLOTHING + on? Could I try this jacket on? Could I try these shoes on? Could I try those pants on?

A more polite way to say this is:

May I try + CLOTHING + on, please? May I try these shoes on, please? May I try that coat on, please? May I try that suit on, please?



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