

# LONDON SHOPPING

## A

**In pairs, answer these questions.**

What do you spend your money on?

What are your favourite shops?

Where has the best shopping in the world?

How much do you pay for your clothes?



## Idioms

**Idioms are phrases that do not make sense when read literally but do when understood as a whole phrase. An example is 'it's raining cats and dogs', meaning that it is raining very heavily.**

## B

**Discuss idioms that you know in English and your home countries. Can you explain what they mean?**

## C

**Match the idioms to their meanings.**

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. to shop around                    | <input type="checkbox"/> to discuss work issues in your free time                 |
| 2. to shop until you drop            | <input type="checkbox"/> to be disorganised and confused                          |
| 3. to talk shop                      | <input type="checkbox"/> to rush around and knock things over                     |
| 4. to go window shopping             | <input type="checkbox"/> to buy many things                                       |
| 5. to shoplift                       | <input type="checkbox"/> to look around the shops but buy nothing                 |
| 6. to shop someone                   | <input type="checkbox"/> to look for the best price                               |
| 7. to be all over the shop           | <input type="checkbox"/> to steal something from a shop                           |
| 8. to be like a bull in a china shop | <input type="checkbox"/> to go shopping until you are so tired you can't carry on |
| 9. to go on a shopping spree         | <input type="checkbox"/> to tell the police that someone has committed a crime    |

## D

**Fill the gaps with the correct shopping idioms.**

When I was at university in London, I used to love to pop into town on a Saturday afternoon and take a break from \_\_\_\_\_ (discussing work) with my classmates. Unfortunately, since I was a student and I had to be careful with my money, I usually ended up \_\_\_\_\_ (just looking). If, on the odd occasion, I did need to buy something, I had to \_\_\_\_\_ (search for the best price) and went around in a panic to find the best deal. I have my first job now and don't live in London anymore. When I get the chance to go back, I usually \_\_\_\_\_ (buy lots of things) and \_\_\_\_\_ (carry on shopping until I am exhausted). It's all very exciting but I \_\_\_\_\_ (rush around and knock things over as I try to find what I'm looking for).

## E

**Create 2 sentences using the 2 remaining shopping idioms.**

1.

2.

### Keywords

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Boutique    | Market |
| Customer    | Price  |
| Department  | Spend  |
| Haggle      | Spree  |
| High street | Steal  |

## F

**Research idioms in English.  
Which do you like? Why?**

## H

**Watch the video on haggling.  
Answer the questions.**

What is haggling?

When is it appropriate to haggle?

Will you get to haggle in London?

## I

**In pairs, role-play a scenarion where you can haggle. One of you will be the 'shop-keeper' and the other will be the customer.**

## G

**On a piece of paper, draw your favourite idiom as its literal meaning. Write the idiomatic meaning on the back.**

