

# Clothes and shopping

## 5.1 Shopping

GOALS ■ Talk about shopping ■ Use *can* and *could* to talk about possibility and ability

### Vocabulary & Speaking shopping

- 1 Work in small groups. Read what three people say about shopping. Which is most true for you? Give more information.

I don't like shopping. It's boring.

I love shopping and I go all the time.

I only shop when I need something.

- 2a Work with a partner. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

baker's butcher's cash discount newsagent's  
online return sales shopping centre spend

- 1 I buy bread from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money at the weekends.
  - 3 I buy magazines and newspapers from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4 I buy meat from the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5 I do a lot of my shopping \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6 I get a \_\_\_\_\_ because I'm a student.
  - 7 I go shopping to a \_\_\_\_\_. I prefer them to small shops.
  - 8 When I buy something I don't like, I \_\_\_\_\_ it to the shop.
  - 9 I stand outside and wait for the shops to open on the first day of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 10 I pay for small things with \_\_\_\_\_.
- b 5.1 ))) Listen and check your answers.
- 3a Add *never, sometimes, often, usually* and *always* to the sentences in exercise 2a to make them true for you. Compare your answers with a partner.
- b Work with a different partner. Tell them about you and your first partner.  
*We are similar because we both shop online.*  
*We are different because I always pay cash, but Maria doesn't.*

### Listening & Grammar *can/can't/could/couldn't*

- 4a Work with a partner. Look at the photo of a shopping street in a British town in the 1970s. How do you think shopping was different in the 1970s?



- b 5.2 ))) Listen to a woman talking about shopping in the town today and in the 1970s and check your ideas in exercise 4a.
- 5 5.2 ))) Listen again and put the phrases into the correct columns in the table. Compare your answers with a partner.
- ~~talk to people in shops~~
  - ~~shop online~~
  - ask for information
  - buy everything in one shop
  - buy bread/meat/newspapers on the high street
  - have a cup of coffee on the high street

	1970s	Now
Possible	<i>talk to people in shops</i>	<i>shop online</i>
Impossible		



6 Work with a partner. Look at sentences 1–4 from the listening and complete the rules in the Grammar focus box.

- 1 Today you can buy most things online.
- 2 The internet can't cut your hair.
- 3 In the 1970s, you could talk to people in the shops.
- 4 In the 1970s, you couldn't get a cup of coffee in the town centre.

### GRAMMAR FOCUS *can/can't/could/couldn't*

- We use <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (positive) and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (negative) to talk about ability and possibility in the present.
- We use <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (positive) and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (negative) to talk about ability and possibility in the past.
- We use *can/can't/could/couldn't* with the <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ form of the verb, without *to*.

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7a Work with a partner. Complete the questions in the Shopping Quiz with *can* or *could*.

## Shopping then and now

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ people buy things online in 1994?
- 2 In the 1990s, \_\_\_\_\_ rich people buy trips into space?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ you buy eggs from vending machines in Japan today?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ you buy a bottle of rainwater for \$11 these days?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ you use euros in Norway and Sweden?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ people buy things from machines in 1890?
- 7 In the 1960s, \_\_\_\_\_ you buy petrol at supermarkets?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ you buy clothes online from all the big fashion companies?

- **vending machines** machines from which you can buy snacks, drinks, etc.

b Answer questions 1–8 in the Shopping Quiz. Compare your answers with a partner.

### PRONUNCIATION *can*

5.3 ))) In positive sentences and questions *can* is pronounced /kən/.

A *Can you use euros in Norway and Sweden?*

B *I think you can use euros in Sweden, but not in Norway.*

In short answers *can* is pronounced /kæn/.

Yes, you *can*.

8a 5.4 ))) Listen to three students discussing a question from exercise 7a.

A *Can you use euros in Norway and Sweden?*

B *Yes, you can.*

C *I think you can use them in Sweden, but not in Norway.*

b 5.4 ))) Listen again and repeat.

9a Work in small groups. Take turns to ask and answer the questions in exercise 7a and give reasons.

A *Could people buy things online in 1994?*

B *Yes, (maybe) they could.*

C *No, they couldn't because ...*

b 5.5 ))) Listen and check your answers. How many did you get correct? Which of the answers surprised you?

10 **TASK** Work with a partner. Talk about the ideas from the list using *can/can't/could/couldn't*.

A *Children could play outside in the past, but now they can't.*

B *Yes, they can!*

- children play outside
- book holidays online
- buy clothes in a supermarket
- buy things with a credit card
- children walk to school
- drink water from the tap
- drive in the town centre
- get cash from a cash machine abroad
- get cash when you buy something
- spend euros

