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.

	nline return sales shopping centre spend		
1	I buy bread from the		
2	I a lot of money at the weekends.		
3	, 0 11		
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.
- 5.2) 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	talk to people in shops	shop online
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.

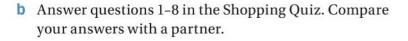
GRAMMAR FOCUS can/can't/could/couldn't

- We use ¹_____ (positive) and ²_____ (negative) to talk about ability and possibility in the present.
- We use ³_____ (positive) and ⁴_____ (negative) to talk about ability and possibility in the past.
- We use *can/can't/could/couldn't* with the ⁵_____ form of the verb, without *to*.
- → Grammar Reference page 144
- 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?
- _____ 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?
- gou buy clothes online from all the big fashion companies?
- vending machines machines from which you can buy snacks, drinks, etc.



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/.
- 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.

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 ...
- **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

