

Daily Life - Buying Men's Shoes (C0229)

Mom: Hi! I am looking for a pair of shoes for my son.

Salesgirl: Sure thing! Here we are! If you're looking for dress shoes, we have several different styles of Oxfords for boys. We also carry athletic shoes, hiking boots.

Mom: Oh Jacob, how about these sneakers?

Jacob: Mom? They've got Velcro.

Mom: Well, then how about these? What is this style called?

Salesgirl: They're tennis shoes. They're very popular with teens and young adults.

Jacob: Oooo, Mom, can I get these?

Mom: What are those?

Jacob: They're Chuck Taylor's! Everyone has them! Can I, please?

Mom: I don't know. Would they go with your clothes? The backs are really high. and the way the tongue just sticks up. They're almost like a boot. And the sole doesn't look like it would have a very good grip.

Jacob: They're only forty-five dollars! And they've got cool fluorescent orange shoelaces! Mom?

Mom: Ok, try them on.

Salesgirl: What size are your feet?

Mom: He is a size nine.

Salesgirl: We'll try a size forty-three on you first and see how that fits.

Mom: A what?

Salesgirl: They come in European sizes. He should be a size forty-three. I'll be right back.

Key Vocabulary

dress shoe	<i>N</i>	a shoe used as a component of formal wear
tennis shoe	<i>N</i>	a canvas shoe with a pliable rubber sole
tongue	<i>N</i>	the flap of material under the laces of a shoe
grip	<i>N</i>	way of grasping and holding firmly
shoelaces	<i>N</i>	a long, thin material used for fastening a shoe
sole	<i>N</i>	the underside of footwear

Supplementary Vocabulary

basketball sneakers	<i>N</i>	sneakers worn specifically to play basketball
cross trainers	<i>N</i>	shoes worn for running or other physical activities

arch sup- ports	<i>N</i>	a pad used to give the feet more support
shoe sales- men	<i>N</i>	a person who sells shoes
construction boots	<i>N</i>	hard and durable boots worn for construction