



New Shoes

Conversation > Intermediate 4



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

leather	A material made from animal skin.
[noun]	<i>Ex: They are both wearing leather jackets.</i>

import	To bring something from one country to another so it can be sold.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The U.S. imports coffee from many different countries.</i>

worth its price	Good quality for the money you give to buy something.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: This car is expensive but worth its price.</i>

classy	Stylish and expensive.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: That show was really classy.</i>

trendy	Fashionable.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: This shop is well known for selling trendy goods.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Julia: Excuse me, I'm looking for business shoes. Can you help me?

Clerk: Certainly. What kind of shoes are you looking for?

Julia: I'm not sure, I just want high quality ones.

Clerk: Then how about these leather shoes? They were imported from Italy.

Julia: May I see them?

Clerk: Sure. They are from our new shoe collection. They are worth their price.



Julia: They look classy. Can I try them on?

Clerk: Sure. They are very trendy this season.

Julia: They fit me really well. I want to buy them.

Clerk: Let me wrap them for you, just a moment.

Julia: Thanks!

Clerk: Not a problem!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

trendy
leather
imports
classy
worth its price

1. That suit looks very _____. Good choice!
2. America _____ a large number of cars from Japan.
3. Is that bike _____? It seems expensive to me.
4. I bought a pair of _____ boots.
5. Do you like _____ clothing? You seem to like new things.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are shopping for new shoes, talk to the clerk and buy a pair of shoes. The teacher can be the clerk.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you think that the quality of the shoes depends on the price? Why do you think so?
2. Is the quality of shoes important to you? Why? Why not?
3. What are the most important things to consider when you choose footwear?
4. Do you think women pay more attention to their footwear than men? Why do you think so?
5. Do you like buying imported shoes? Why or why not?