

# Unidad

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## De compras

Era lunes por la mañana, Mary y John estaban desayunando en su hotel en Nueva York.

El camarero se acercó a la mesa.



Disculpe, señor. Le llaman por teléfono.



Me pregunto quién podrá ser.



Probablemente sea Paul, querido. Voy a ir de compras con Laura.

John se dirigió al teléfono. Era Paul. John charló con Paul un rato y luego regresó a la mesa.



¿Quién era?



Estabas en lo cierto. Era Paul. Él y Laura estarán aquí en veinte minutos. Vendrán por nosotros en su auto.



Bueno, es mejor estar listos.

A las nueve y media Paul y Laura estaban en la puerta del hotel. Mary y John ya los estaban esperando allí.



Buenos días, ¿cómo están ambos?



Bien gracias, Paul.



¿A dóndequieres ir, Mary?



Me gustaría dar una vuelta en las tiendas en la Quinta Avenida, si estás de acuerdo, Laura.



Seguro, eso será divertido.



Entonces las dejaremos allí. John y yo tenemos que ir y encontrarnos con algunos socios comerciales para almorzar.



Nosotras almorzaremos en el Carnegie's con Anne.



Bueno, entonces las dejaremos aquí. ¡Que se diviertan!

Mary y Laura cruzaron la calle y entraron a Eddie Bauer's, una tienda de modas de la Quinta Avenida. Ellas tomaron el ascensor al quinto piso.



Yo quiero comprar algunas camisas para John y un suéter para mí.



Compremos el suéter primero. La sección de hombres está en la planta baja.



¿Te gusta este suéter, Laura?



Sí, realmente me gusta. Te queda muy bien.



¿Cuánto cuesta?



Preguntémos a esa vendedora. ¡Discúlpeme!

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¿Puedo ayudarla, señora?



Deseo comprar este suéter. ¿Cuánto cuesta?



Exactamente noventa y cinco dólares, señora.



¿Hay alguna falda que haga juego?



No, temo que no hay, pero puedo mostrarle otros modelos con faldas que hagan juego. Acompáñenme por favor.

Mary y Laura siguieron a la vendedora a otra parte de la tienda. Ella les mostró diferentes modelos y colores de suéteres y faldas.



Me agrada éste en azul pálido.



¿Quiere probárselo, señora?



Sí, me lo probaré. ¿Es talla mediana?

Mary se probó el suéter y la falda. Ambos le iban bien y no eran demasiados caros. A Laura le pareció que Mary se veía muy bien con su nueva ropa. Mary pagó el suéter y la falda y luego ella y Laura fueron a la planta baja para buscar las camisas de John.

# Unit 11

# Out shopping

It was Monday morning, Mary and John were having breakfast in their hotel in New York.

The waiter approached the table.



Excuse me, sir. There's a telephone call for you.



I wonder who it could be.



It's probably Paul, dear. I'm going shopping with Laura.

John went to the telephone. It was Paul. John chatted with Paul for a while and then returned to the table.



Who was it?



You were right. It was Paul. He and Laura will be here in twenty minutes. They are coming to pick us up in their car.



Right, we better get ready.

At half past nine, Paul and Laura were at the door of the hotel. Mary and John were already waiting there.



Good morning, how are you both?



Fine thanks, Paul.



Where do you want to go, Mary?



I'd like to look around the shops on Fifth Avenue, if that's okay with you, Laura.



Sure, that would be fun.



We'll drop you off there then. John and I have to go and meet some business associates for lunch.



We're having lunch at Carnegie's with Anne.



Good, we'll leave you here then. Have a good time.

Mary and Laura walked across the street and entered Eddie Bauer's, a fashionable store on Fifth Avenue. They took the elevator to the fifth floor.



I want to buy some shirts for John, and a sweater for myself.



Let's get the sweater first. The men's department is on the ground floor.



Do you like this sweater, Laura?



Yes, I do. It really suits you, Mary!



How much does it cost?



Let's ask the saleswoman. Excuse me!



Can I help you, ma'am?



Yes, I would like to buy this sweater. How much is it?



Ninety five dollars exactly ma'am



Is there a skirt to match?



No, I'm afraid there isn't, but I can show you other styles of matching skirts. Please follow me ma'am.

Mary and Laura followed the saleswoman to another part of the store. She showed them different styles and colors of sweaters and skirts.



I like this one in pale blue.



Would you like to try it on ma'am?



Yes, I think so. Is it a medium?

Mary tried on the sweater and skirt. Both fit her very well and they were not too expensive. Laura thought that Mary looked very good in her new clothes. Mary paid for the sweater and the skirt, and then she and Laura went down to the ground floor to look for John's shirts.

## Unit 11

# Out shopping

## New Vocabulary

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives	Adverbs
-Clothes	-Enter	-Pay	-Already
-Saleswoman	-Fit	-Pick	-Exactly
-Shirts	-Get	-Suit	-Really
-Shops	-Have	-Try	
-Store	-Look	-Wait	
-Sweater	-Meet	-Want	
			Expressions
			For a while



## Now, something important!

## Simple past and past continuous

**Simple past:** Use the simple past to express the idea that an action started and finished at a specific time in the past.

**Past continuous:** The progressive tenses give the idea that an action was in progress during a particular time. The tenses say that an action begins before, is in progress during, and continues after another time or action.

## Examples:

Simple past tense	Past continuous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-John <b>went</b> to the telephone.</li> <li>-Mary and Laura <b>walked</b> across the street.</li> <li>-Mary <b>tried</b> a sweater and skirt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mary and John <b>were having</b> breakfast.</li> <li>-Mary and John <b>were already waiting</b> there.</li> <li>-They <b>were coming</b> to pick us up.</li> </ul>

**Will:** use as a "willingness", often suggest that the speaker will do something voluntarily. Often, we use will to respond to someone else's request for help.

**Example:** Good, we'll leave you here, then.

**Would:** used to express polite request

**Example:** Would you like to try it on ma'am?

**Ref** For better reference, see **Finding Out About Grammar Book**, Unit 3, page 34-54.

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## Una casa nueva

Paul y Laura se mudarán pronto a una nueva casa. Su actual vivienda es amplia y cómoda, y tiene un gran patio, pero queda demasiado lejos del trabajo de Paul.

Paul está cansado del largo viaje a Nueva York todos los días. Generalmente él sale de su casa a las siete en punto de la mañana para estar en su oficina a las nueve. Él nunca esta de regreso antes de las siete y treinta en la noche. Por ese motivo, Paul y Laura compraron una nueva casa en Hackensack, Nueva Jersey, que queda más cerca de Nueva York. Ésta es también amplia y cómoda, pero el jardín es pequeño.

La sala de la nueva casa es más amplia que la de la antigua casa, pero los dormitorios son más pequeños. La nueva casa tiene dos baños grandes y una cocina muy moderna. Queda a solo veinticinco millas de Nueva York, así que cuando se muden, Paul podrá salir de casa una hora más tarde por las mañanas y regresar una hora más temprano por las noches.

Sin embargo, la nueva casa todavía no está terminada. Estará lista poco antes de Navidad. Después de Navidad, Paul y Laura se mudarán a su nueva casa. Mientras tanto están tratando de vender la vieja casa. Hace una semana un agente de bienes raíces vino a verlos. Laura le mostró la casa y él le hizo muchas preguntas. Midió las habitaciones y luego elaboró un plano.



Esta casa no será fácil de vender, señora Smith. Es un poco grande, tiene un solo baño y demasiadas habitaciones.



¿Cuánto vale, entonces?



Todavía no puedo darle un valor estimado, pero se lo haré saber dentro de una semana. Usted tendrá que venderla por menos de su valor real, si quiere venderla rápidamente. También, cobramos una comisión del 5%.

Cuando Paul volvió a casa esa noche, Laura le contó lo que había dicho el agente inmobiliario. Paul no respondió, pero al día siguiente llegó a casa con un cartel en el baúl de su auto que decía: EN VENTA. Clavó el cartel en la cerca al lado de la carretera.

Luego llamó a Laura y le mostró el cartel.



Nosotros mismos venderemos nuestra casa. No le pagaré al agente para que la venda por menos de lo que vale.

## Unit 12

## A new house

Paul and Laura are moving into a new house soon. Their present home is large and comfortable and has a big backyard, but it is too far away from Paul's work.

Paul is tired of the long commute to New York everyday. He usually leaves home at seven o'clock in the morning, to be at his office by nine. He's never home before seven-thirty in the evening. Because of this, Paul and Laura bought a new house in Hackensack, New Jersey which is closer to New York. It is also big and comfortable, but the yard is small.

The living room in the new house is larger than the living room in their old house but the bedrooms are smaller. The new house has two big bathrooms and a very modern kitchen. It is only twenty-five miles from New York, so when they move, Paul will be able to leave home an hour later in the mornings and get home an hour earlier in the evenings.

However, the new house is not ready yet. It will be ready just before Christmas. After Christmas, Paul and Laura will move into their new house. In the meantime, they are trying to sell their old one. A week ago a real estate agent or "Realtor" came to see them. Laura showed him the house and he

asked a lot of questions. He measured the rooms and then made out a plan.



This house will not be easy to sell, Mrs. Smith. It's a little too large, and only has one bathroom, and too many bedrooms.



How much is it worth, then?



I can't give you an estimate right now, but I will let you know in a week. You'll have to sell it for less than its real value if you want a quick sale. We also charge a five percent commission.

When Paul returned home that evening, Laura told him what the Realtor had said. Paul did not answer, but the next day he arrived home with a FOR SALE sign in the trunk of his car. He nailed the sign to the fence by the road. Then he called Laura and showed her the sign.



We will sell our house on our own. I refuse to pay the Realtor to sell our house for less than its worth.

### New Vocabulary

#### Nouns

- Backyard
- Bathrooms
- Bedrooms
- Commute
- Estimate
- Fence
- Home
- Kitchen
- Living room
- Real value
- Road
- Sign
- Trunk
- Work
- Yard

#### Verbs

- Ask
- Buy
- Call
- Charge
- Give
- Make
- Measure
- Move
- Nail
- Own
- Pay
- Refuse
- Say
- See
- Sell
- Show
- Tell
- Try

#### Adjectives

- Big
- Close
- Comfortable
- Large
- Late
- Long
- Old
- Quick
- Small
- Tired

#### Adverbs

- Before
- Everyday
- Later
- Never
- Soon
- Usually

**Now, something important!****Will Vs. Going to**

To express a prediction: use **will** or **be going to**:

**Examples:**

- According to the weather report, it **will** be cloudy tomorrow.
- According to the weather report, it **is going to be** cloudy.
- It will** be ready just before Christmas
- Paul and Laura will** move into their house.
- This house will not** be easy to sell.

To express a prior plan: use only **be going to**:

**Example:**

- A: *Why did you buy this paint?*  
B: *I am going to paint my bedroom tomorrow.*

To express willingness: use only **will**:

**Example:**

- A: *The phone is ringing*  
B: *I will get it*
- You'll have to sell it for less than its real value.*

**Ref** For better reference, see **Finding Out About Grammar Book**, Unit 12, page 182 and 183.