

# 2 SHOPS

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### comfortable /'kʌmfətə(ə)l/ Adjective

if you are *comfortable*, you feel relaxed and happy because your body is in a good position

*our new sofa's really comfortable | are you comfortable sitting there? | the bed was old and I couldn't get comfortable in it*

Noun: *comfort* | Adverb: *comfortably* || Opposite – Adjective: *uncomfortable*

*I like to travel in comfort | she sat back comfortably in her chair | I had to sleep on the train, and it was very uncomfortable*

### complicated /'kɒmplɪkətɪd/ Adjective

something that is *complicated* is difficult to understand or use because it has a lot of different parts

*it's really complicated to use and the instructions aren't very helpful | the situation is quite complicated | I can't explain – it's very complicated | I watched him making bread and it looked very complicated*

### cool /ku:l/ Adjective

if you say that something is *cool*, you mean that you really like it because it is very modern or fashionable. If you say that a person is *cool*, you admire them because they are fashionable

*my new laptop is so cool | what a cool bike | she gave me a really cool pair of trainers | we went to the new club in Digbeth last night. It was cool | the new maths teacher is really cool*

### dark /dɑ:(r)k/ Adjective

*dark* colours are not bright because they are closer to black than they are to white

*I look better in dark colours | the walls were painted dark grey | she has long dark hair and green eyes | the paint will look darker after it dries*

Opposite – Adjective: *light*

*he wore dark trousers and a light shirt | the walls were painted light blue*

### design /dɪ'zaɪn/ Noun

the *design* of something is the way it has been put together and the way that it looks

*the design of the phone is very simple | the design stage took over a year before we were happy with it | your shirt is a really nice design*

Verb: *design* | Noun: *designer*

*my friend designed this ring | Jonathan Ive designed the original iPhone | all our products are designed and made in the UK | a famous dress designer*

### design /dɪ'zaɪn/ Verb

if you *design* something, you have the idea for it and decide what it will look like and how it should be made. You can refer to the way something looks as its *design*

*my friend designed this ring | Jonathan Ive designed*

*the original iPhone | all our products are designed and made in the UK | the dress was designed by Zandra Rhodes | who designed your website?*

Noun: *design* | Noun: *designer*

*the design of the phone is very simple | the design stage took over a year before we were happy with it | your shirt is a really nice design | a famous dress designer*

### fit /fɪt/ Verb

if clothes *fit* you, they are the right size for your body

*my gloves look nice, but they don't actually fit | I didn't find anything that fitted me in the shop | I love these shoes, but they don't fit me properly | those jeans fit you perfectly | try it on to see if it fits*

Noun: *fit*

Collocates: a good fit

*the boots were such a good fit | I tried on the dress and the fit was perfect*

### follow /'fɒləʊ/ Verb

if you *follow* an instruction or someone's advice, you do what someone suggests or tells you to do

*the instructions are very difficult to follow | I decided to follow her advice | we were only following orders | if you'd followed my directions you wouldn't have got lost*

### function /'fʌŋkʃ(ə)n/ Noun

the *function* of something is its main purpose or the job that it is meant to do. The *functions* a machine has are all the different things it can do

*it's a really good camera with a lot of different functions | the main function of the department is to find new employees | his function as mayor stopped after he became a member of parliament*

### instructions /ɪn'strʌkʃ(ə)nz/ Noun plural

*instructions* are a detailed description of how to do something, for example, how to use a machine such as a dishwasher

Collocates: follow instructions

*the instructions are very difficult to follow | the instructions were in 12 different languages, but not English! | the instructions were very complicated*

### jewellery /'dʒu:əlri/ Noun uncount

*jewellery* is things like rings, earrings, and necklaces, often made from metal, that people wear because they look nice

*my friend makes silver jewellery | burglars stole £20,000 worth of jewellery | he likes to wear gold jewellery | a jewellery box (for keeping jewellery in) | police found a bag full of stolen jewellery and watches*

Noun: *jeweller*

*I learned about gold from my father, who was a jeweller*

### last /lɑ:st/ Verb

if something *lasts* for a particular length of time, it continues to exist for that time

*I had a pair of shoes that lasted six years | the film lasts over three hours | their relationship didn't last very long | my language course only lasted three weeks*

**lie** /laɪ/ Verb

if you *lie* or *lie down*, your body is flat and your head is on the same level as your feet, for example when you are in bed

Collocates: lie down | lie on something

*the sofa's nice and big, so you can lie on it too | she lay down on the bed and fell asleep | I like to lie on the beach | I'm really tired; I'm just going to lie down for a few minutes*

**light** /laɪt/ Adjective

something that is *light* doesn't weigh very much, and isn't heavy

*my new laptop is really light and easy to carry around | your bag is much lighter than mine | I need a lighter saucepan, I can hardly lift this one*

Opposite – Adjective: *heavy*

*can you help with my suitcase, it's really heavy | it's too heavy to lift*

**material** /mə'tɪəriəl/ Noun

*material* is cloth such as wool or cotton that is used for making clothes, curtains, etc. *Material* is also any hard stuff such as wood or plastic

*I bought some material for a new dress | what material are those curtains made out of? | scientists have developed a new material they can use instead of plastic*

**pair** /peə(r)/ Noun

a *pair* of something is two things that are the same and that are used together, for example, shoes, earrings, or socks. You also talk about a *pair* of glasses, trousers, shorts, etc. when something is made of two parts that are the same and which are joined together

*a pair of leather shoes | I bought a pair of jeans | a new pair of trainers | I always have a spare pair of glasses with me | she was wearing a pair of gold earrings*

**quality** /'kwɒləti/ Noun

the *quality* of something is how good it is and how well it is made

*they're really good quality and they'll last for years | their shoes are excellent quality | they sell top quality fruit and vegetables (the best quality) | you can feel the quality of this wool*

**ring** /rɪŋ/ Noun

a *ring* is a circle of metal or other hard stuff that someone wears on their finger as jewellery

*I love your ring. Where did you get it? | a gold ring | a wedding ring (that is first worn at a wedding ceremony) | a diamond ring*

**second-hand** /ˌsekənd 'hænd/ Adjective

something that is *second-hand* is not new and belonged to someone else before you bought it

*do you ever buy second-hand shoes? | I bought a second-hand car | they sell second-hand clothes at the market | second-hand shop (that sells second-hand goods) | a second-hand book seller | all my jewellery is second-hand*

Adverb: *second-hand*

*have you ever bought anything second-hand? | you can save a lot of money if you buy second-hand*

**smart** /sma:(r)t/ Adjective

*smart* clothes are clean and nice. You can also say that a person is *smart* if they are wearing clean, nice clothes

*I had to buy some smart trousers for work | you should wear something smart | I wore smart clothes to the concert | you look very smart today*

**suit** /su:t/ Verb

if something such as your clothes *suit* you, they make you look good

*yellow doesn't usually suit me | that jacket doesn't suit him | your new hairstyle really suits you | short skirts don't suit me*

**WORDS WITH TWO MEANINGS**

Many words in English have more than one meaning. For example:

*That shirt really suits you.* (It makes you look nice)

*I usually wear a suit to work.* (jacket and trousers)

*The light's not very bright.* (strong and easy to see)

*Her son's very bright.* (intelligent)

*I saw her last week.* (most recent)

*The clothes they make don't last long. They're very poor quality.* (continue for a time)

Words appear more than once in the VB when there is a different meaning. They will have different collocations!

**thick** /θɪk/ Adjective

something that is *thick* is not thin. *Thick* clothes are made of heavy material and will keep you warm

*I bought this nice thick coat for the winter | a pair of thick socks | a thick woolly jumper | a thick book | the walls are very thick | she's got lovely thick hair*

**unique** /ju:'ni:k/ Adjective

if something is *unique*, there is only one of it, and there is nothing else that is the same

*she only made one ring like this, so it's unique | this is a unique opportunity | the band had a unique style of music | I met a lot of interesting and unique people*

**warm** /wɔ:(r)m/ Adjective

if you are *warm*, you are slightly hot in a pleasant way. *Warm* weather is quite hot

*I bought a thick coat to keep me warm in the cold weather | we were lovely and warm by the fire | I had a nice warm bath | the weather was quite warm | a lovely warm day*

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**annoying** /ə'noɪɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *annoying* makes you a little bit angry

*it was really annoying to get shoes I couldn't wear | he had an annoying habit of starting every sentence with the word "so" | the website has too many annoying ads on it | her little brother was a very annoying child*

Verb: *annoy* | Adjective: *annoyed*

*the music from next door annoyed me all afternoon | he often annoyed me with his silly questions | Martin was trying hard not to sound annoyed | she had an annoyed expression on her face*

**bargain** /'bɑ:(r)ɡɪn/ Noun

a *bargain* is something you get for a lower price than is normal

*I got it for £5 - it was a bargain | our shop is full of bargains | you'll find some real bargains at the market | it was good quality, but at a bargain price*

**bid** /bɪd/ Verb

if you *bid* for something, you say how much you are willing to pay for it, and you succeed in buying it if no one else *bids* a higher price

*I bid £20 for it on eBay and won | how much did you bid for it? | I spent all afternoon at the sale, but I didn't bid | I nearly got it, but someone bid more than me at the last minute*

Noun: *bid* | Noun: *bidder*

*I raised my bid to £200 | the winning bid was £35 | the company will be sold to the highest bidder*

**box** /bɒks/ Noun

a *box* is a container with hard sides and a top that is used to keep things in

*when I took it out of the box, I saw that it was damaged | a cardboard box | keep the box, in case you need to take it back to the shop | a jewellery box | a tool box*

**concert** /'kɒnsə(r)t/ Noun

a *concert* is a public performance in which people play music

*my wife took me to a concert for my 40th birthday | a lot of people are travelling to Wembley for the big concert | I'm going to a concert on Saturday | the band are giving a concert in London later this year | a rock concert*

**damaged** /'dæmɪdʒd/ Adjective

something that is *damaged* is broken in some way

*when I took it out of the box, I saw that it was damaged | I took it back to the shop because it was damaged | some buildings were badly damaged in the storm*

Verb: *damage* | Noun: *damage*

*be careful - you'll damage it! | smoking can damage your health | the storm caused a lot of damage to houses in the village | if you break it, you'll have to pay for the damage*

**deliver** /dɪ'lɪvə(r)/ Verb

to *deliver* something means to take it somewhere

*we deliver vegetables to all the restaurants in the town | can you deliver at weekends? | we can deliver direct to your door | the postman delivered three letters and a parcel*

Noun: *delivery*

*their delivery service was very reliable | my job was to prepare all the orders for delivery | we make daily deliveries | send it by express delivery (very quick) | a supermarket delivery van | do you charge for delivery?*

**delivery** /dɪ'lɪv(ə)ri/ Noun

*delivery* is the act of taking things such as goods or letters to a place

*their delivery service was very reliable | my job was to prepare all the orders for delivery | we make daily deliveries | send it by express delivery (very quick) | a supermarket delivery van | do you charge for delivery?*

Verb: *deliver*

*we can deliver direct to your door | the postman delivered three letters and a parcel*

**drop** /drɒp/ Verb

if you *drop* something, you let go of it and it falls to the ground

*the delivery man dropped it | be careful you don't drop that plate | I dropped the letter into the rubbish bin | she dropped her gloves on the floor*

**fact** /fækt/ Noun

a *fact* is a piece of information which is true

*some of these facts were really interesting | the article was full of facts about Walt Disney | the fact is that he's been in prison for the last year | I had to learn 10 facts about the Second World War for homework*

Adjective: *factual*

*I like watching factual TV shows rather than cartoons*

**fault** /fɔ:lt/ Noun uncount

if a bad situation or a mistake is your *fault*, you are responsible for causing it. When this happens, you can also say that you are *at fault*

Collocates: *be at fault*

*it was my own fault - I didn't check the delivery fee | do we know whose fault it was? | it was an unfortunate accident, but the school was not at fault*

**fee** /fi:/ Noun

a *fee* is the amount of money you have to pay for a particular service

Collocates: *pay a fee | charge a fee*

*there's no delivery fee on orders over £20 | Wi-Fi is available in the rooms at a fee | the fees are so high that I couldn't afford to study there | most museums charge an entrance fee | they can't afford to pay the school fees*

**get back** /,get 'bæk/ Phrasal verb

if you *get* something *back*, someone returns it to you after they have had it for a while

*I got my money back from the shop | I lent her my skateboard and never got it back | we had to give them £200 to hire the car, but we'll get it back so long as we don't damage it*

**globally** /'gləʊb(ə)li/ Adverb

the world is sometimes referred to as a *globe* (something in the shape of a ball). Activities that happen all over the world are *global*, or happen *globally*. The way everything in the world is becoming connected, for example because of the internet and travel, is called *globalisation*

*globally, we now buy 22% of everything we need online | Nike is a globally recognised brand | the disease kills a million people a year globally | we need to help our local companies trade globally*

Adjective: *global* | Noun: *globalisation*

*global warming is a serious danger to our future | a global increase in temperatures | the increasing globalisation of world trade | the globalisation of industry*

**inspire** /ɪn'spaɪə(r)/ Verb

if you *inspire* someone, you make them believe in something very strongly, especially in their own ability to achieve things

*my English teacher really inspired me | his strength and skill inspired millions around the world | her passion inspires both students and other teachers | this inspired me to live a better life*

Adjective: *inspiring*

*an inspiring teacher | he was an inspiring leader | one of the most inspiring speeches I have ever heard*

**online** /'ɒnlain/ Adverb

if you buy something *online*, you buy it over the Internet  
*we now buy 22% of everything we need online | I always buy my train tickets online | several sites offering to do people's homework have appeared online | I've been learning about my family history online*

Adjective: *online*

*online shopping | online learning is becoming very popular*

**order** /'ɔ:(r)də(r)/ Verb

if you *order* something, you ask for it to be sent to you or made ready for you

*I ordered a new washing machine last week | I'd like to order a taxi to the station | we don't have any in the shop, but we can order one for you | if you order it today, we can deliver it to you before the weekend*

Noun: *order*

*my order was delivered three days late*

**recommend** /,rekə'mend/ Verb

if you *recommend* something, you tell someone that it is good and that they should get one or do it

*a friend of mine recommended a new online shop | I can strongly recommend swimming in the sea | he recommended that I should change my car for a more efficient one | I can recommend the sausages here. They're delicious*

Noun: *recommendation*

Collocates: on someone's recommendation

*we booked the Bristol Hotel on my brother's recommendation (because he recommended it) | can you give us any recommendations for a restaurant in the city centre?*

**reduced** /rɪ'dju:st/ Adjective

if an amount is *reduced*, it has been made smaller

*it was only £50, reduced from £99 | the hotel offered us a reduced price of £65 a night instead of £80*

Verb: *reduce* | Noun: *reduction*

Collocates: a reduction in something | a reduction of something

*the government has promised to reduce unemployment | an effort to reduce pollution | going part-time meant a reduction in my weekly pay | a reduction of 50% compared to last year*

**reliable** /rɪ'laɪəb(ə)/ Adjective

if something is *reliable*, you can trust it and know that it will be good every time you need it. If someone is *reliable*, you can trust them and depend on them

*their delivery service was very reliable | go to World PC. They're very reliable | it's an old car, so it's not very reliable | she's a very reliable babysitter*

Noun: *reliability* || Opposite – Adjective: *unreliable*

*these machines were known for their poor reliability | we need to increase the reliability of our delivery system | my phone battery is really unreliable | Tony's a lovely man, but so unreliable*

**return** /rɪ'tʊ:(r)n/ Verb

if you *return* something that you have bought, you take it back or send it back to the shop where you bought it because you are not satisfied with it

*women return more than 20% of the clothes they buy online | you cannot return items more than 30 days after you bought them | if it was already broken when you took it out of the box, you should return it*

**sale** /seɪl/ Noun

a *sale* is an event when a shop sells its goods more cheaply than usual for a period of time

*there's a sale on at Miss Selfridge | I bought it in a sale | I go to the sales in Oxford Street every January (when lots of shops have a sale) | the January sales | I'll wait for the sales to start before I look for a new coat*

**selection** /sɪ'lekʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *selection* is a group of things that you can choose from

Collocates: a good/wide selection | a selection of something

*they had a really wide selection of armchairs | your body needs a wide selection of foods to stay healthy | there was a big selection of cheeses in the window | try the shop down the road. They always have a good selection*

**site** /saɪt/ Noun

a *site* is a place where something is or where something happens. On the Internet, a *site* is a collection of pages where information is available

Collocates: a web site

*do you have any favourite sites for shopping? | he made a lot of money when he sold a social networking site to Yahoo! | we need to get the site back online quickly or we'll lose a lot of customers | thousands of web sites offer health information | a building site (where building work is going on) | the power station sits on a 24 hectare site*

**size** /saɪz/ Noun

the *size* of something is how big or small it is. If a piece of clothing is your *size*, it fits you. If it is the wrong *size*, it is too big or too small and does not fit you

*they had lots of shirts in my size | the trousers they sent me were the wrong size | what size shoes do you take? | this hat is two sizes too big*

**stock** /stɒk/ Noun uncount

the *stock* of a shop or company is the amount of goods it has that are available and ready to be sold or sent out to customers



Collocates: in stock | out of stock

*the camera I wanted was out of stock (there were no more available to buy) | everything on the list is in stock and is immediately available | this offer is only open while stocks last (until everything has been sold)*

Verb: stock

*the shop was not very well stocked (did not have many goods) | we stock more than forty different kinds of cheese*

**surprising** /sə(r)'praɪzɪŋ/ Adjective

if something is *surprising*, you didn't expect it

*that was a very surprising fact | he ate a surprising amount of chocolate | it was rather surprising to get a letter from her after 15 years | the article came to a surprising conclusion*

Adjective: *surprised* | Adverb: *surprisingly* |

Verb: *surprise*

*I was quite surprised when she said she was leaving | he looked surprised when I told him the result | it didn't surprise me at all that he was dead | the announcement surprised us all | the meal was surprisingly good*

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**bright** /braɪt/ Adjective

*bright* colours are light and strong, not dark

*have you got any paint that's a bit brighter? | she wears a lot of bright colours | a bright green jacket | she's got bright blue eyes*

**button** /'bʌt(ə)n/ Noun

a *button* is a small round thing on clothes. You put a *button* through a hole to fasten the clothes

*the top button on my shirt has come loose | a smart shirt with small white buttons | one of the buttons has come off my coat | I can't do the button up (fasten it) | can you help me undo the buttons (unfasten them)? | I was late because I had to sew a button back on my skirt*

**grow into** /,grəʊ 'ɪntuː/ Phrasal verb

when a child *grows into* clothes, he or she gets bigger so that the clothes which were too big are now the right size. When a child *grows out of* clothes, he or she gets bigger and the clothes no longer fit properly

*it's a bit too big now, but you'll soon grow into it | by the time he was 13, he'd grown into his father's old coat*

**lifetime** /'laɪf,tʌɪm/ Noun

your *lifetime* is the period of time during which you are alive. If something will last a *lifetime*, it will last a very long time

*they're very well made and they'll last you a lifetime | she spent a lifetime studying and writing about Renaissance art | the Internet is the greatest invention in my lifetime | several of the paintings in this exhibition hadn't been seen in his lifetime*

**loose** /luːs/ Adjective

something that is *loose* is not firmly fixed in place. Loose clothes are big and don't fit your body tightly

*the top button on my shirt is loose | the handle on my suitcase has come loose | I've got to see a dentist about a loose tooth | I put on a loose shirt and a pair of jeans*

**make** /meɪk/ Verb

if you *make* someone do something they do not want to do, you tell them they have to do it and they cannot refuse

Collocates: *make* someone do something

*did your mum ever make you wear something you didn't like? | he wants me to stay in tonight, but he can't make me | at school, they made us sing every morning before class | we were made to stand outside in the rain until we said sorry*

**occasion** /ə'keɪz(ə)n/ Noun

an *occasion* is a time when something happens

*when did you last buy a present, and what was the occasion? | I met him on several occasions | I only wear this dress on special occasions | I remember one occasion when we swam in the sea in November*

**plain** /pleɪn/ Adjective

something that is *plain* is simple, with no unnecessary parts or decoration

*it's a bit plain. Do you have anything prettier? | I put on a plain white shirt | the furniture was all very plain | a piece of plain paper (with no lines on it)*

**practical** /'præktɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is *practical* is useful and easy to use

*have you got something more practical that will fit in the car? | you can fold it and put it away, so it's quite practical | it's a cheap and practical family car*

**present** /'prez(ə)nt/ Noun

a *present* is something you give to someone, for example when it is their birthday or at Christmas

*I need to buy a present for my dad's birthday | it was a very generous present | the Christmas presents were all beautifully wrapped | they brought us a box of chocolates as a present | he got a new briefcase as a leaving present (a present given to him when he left his job)*

**queue** /kjuː/ Noun

a *queue* is a line of people who are waiting for something

Collocates: *stand/wait* in a queue

*I was in a hurry and there was a long queue | there was an enormous queue outside the cinema | we waited in the queue for hours | I was at the front of the queue | is this the end of the queue?*

Verb: *queue*

Collocates: *queue* for something | *queue* to do something

*we queued for two hours to get tickets | they were all queuing for tickets for the One Direction concert | are you queuing to get into the museum?*

**receipt** /rɪ'siːt/ Noun

a *receipt* is a piece of paper from a shop or an email from an online shop that shows where and when you bought something, and proves that you have paid

*have you got a receipt and the box? | you need to keep your receipt | can I have a receipt, please? | I forgot to get a receipt so I can't take it back | an old-fashioned shop where they write the receipts with a pen*

**shoulder** /'ʃəʊldə(r)/ Noun

your *shoulders* are the two parts of your body that start at the bottom of your neck and go out on either side  
*the coat is a bit tight round my shoulders | he put his arm around her shoulder | I hurt my shoulder when I fell off the bike | his hair went down to his shoulders*

**suitable** /'su:təb(ə)/ Adjective

if something is *suitable*, it is right for a particular situation  
*this smaller one might be more suitable | the film isn't suitable for young children | it's going to be cold, so make sure to bring suitable clothes | it's not really suitable for a family car*

**take back** /,teɪk 'bæk/ Phrasal verb

if you *take something back* to the shop where you bought it, you return it because you are not satisfied with it  
*when was the last time you took something back to a shop? | you need to take the receipt if you're taking it back | every time I buy him some clothes, he takes them back*

**tight** /taɪt/ Adjective

if your clothes are *tight*, they fit too close to your body and are not quite big enough  
*the coat is a bit tight round my shoulders | these jeans are too tight | I borrowed Anna's boots and they were a very tight fit*  
 Opposite – Adjective: *loose*  
*I put on a loose shirt and a pair of jeans*

**top of the range** /,tɒp əv ðə 'reɪndʒ/ Phrase

something that is *top of the range* is the best or most expensive of its kind that is available  
*her furniture was top of the range | a top-of-the-range smartphone | for a top-of-the-range car you'd have to pay £35,000*

**typical** /'tɪpɪk(ə)/ Adjective

a situation that is *typical* is normal and has all the same features as it usually does. People sometimes say “*typical!*” to mean that they were expecting something bad to happen  
*It's typical! The service is always bad here | it was a typical English summer, with rain every week | Typical! I got there a minute early but the bus left two minutes early*

**wrap** /ræp/ Verb

to *wrap* something means to put paper around it to protect it, or because you want to give it as a present  
*choose the paper and I'll wrap it for you | what was the last present you bought? Did you wrap it? | I wrapped it in gold paper*  
 Adjective: *wrapped*  
*a beautifully wrapped Christmas gift | would you like it wrapped?*

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**allow** /ə'laʊ/ Verb

if you *allow* someone to do something, you let them do it by giving them permission  
 Collocates: allow someone to do something  
*you should allow children to take some risks | my dad won't allow me to stay out later than 10 | we're not allowed to take phones into class | your behaviour was unacceptable, and I won't allow it any longer*

**protect** /prə'tekt/ Verb

if you *protect* someone or something, you keep them safe and prevent them from being hurt or damaged  
 Collocates: protect someone from/against something  
*parents need to protect their children more because there are more risks | we should do more to protect animals like whales | this should protect you from catching the disease | how can we help protect the environment?*  
 Noun: *protection*  
 Collocates: protection against/from something  
*a healthy diet could offer protection against cancer | you need to wear a seat belt for your own protection*

**risk** /rɪsk/ Verb

if you *risk* something, you put it in a situation where it might be damaged, destroyed, or lost  
 Collocates: risk something to do something | risk doing something  
*if you risk nothing, then you risk everything | they risked their own lives to help him | I can't risk letting him see me here | he has risked everything he owns*  
 Noun: *risk* | Adjective: *risky*  
 Collocates: take a risk  
*young drivers often take risks | he refused to join in, saying the risk was too big | it's too risky to swim across the river; we'll have to use the bridge*

**scare** /skeə(r)/ Verb

to *scare* someone means to make them afraid because they think something bad is going to happen  
*they make a special noise to scare the mother alligator | don't shout like that. It really scares me | we dressed up like ghosts to try and scare my little sister*  
 Adjective: *scared* | Adjective: *scary*  
*I thought I heard someone downstairs and got really scared | she was scared that she'd fall into the water | a scary film*

## EXERCISES

## PREPOSITIONS

## A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 That cafe has a great selection ..... coffees.
- 2 I want to buy a new pair ..... jeans.
- 3 She lay down ..... the bed and fell asleep.
- 4 We waited ..... the queue for hours.
- 5 The film isn't suitable ..... young children.

## B Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 I don't really look good *with / in* dark colours.
- 2 Did you get a receipt *for / about* your boots?
- 3 They said they would order it *for / to* me.
- 4 You can feel the quality *from / of* this wool.
- 5 I'm doing research *of / into* why people forget things.
- 6 She had an interview *for / of* the job of sales manager.

## WORD FAMILIES

## C Complete the expressions with the correct form of the word in bold.

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 It's a <b>comfortable</b> sofa.           | She sat back<br>.....<br>on the sofa. |
| 2 Misha <b>designed</b> that dress.         | Misha's a dress<br>.....              |
| 3 He makes beautiful <b>jewellery</b> .     | He's a talented<br>.....              |
| 4 They <b>reduced</b> the price by 50%.     | We got a 50%<br>.....                 |
| 5 She <b>recommended</b> a good restaurant. | She made a good<br>.....              |
| 6 He asked <b>annoying</b> questions.       | His questions<br>..... me.            |
| 7 My English teacher <b>inspired</b> me.    | I had a very<br>..... teacher.        |

## COLLOCATIONS

## D Complete the sentences with the nouns. Look up the nouns if you need help.

stock	fee	selection	bargain
pair	material		

- 1 There is a wide ..... of jeans in that store.
- 2 It was a ..... It only cost £5.
- 3 I bought some ..... to make a new dress.
- 4 I want to buy a new ..... of trainers.
- 5 I wanted some sandals but they're out of  
.....
- 6 I had to pay a £20 parking .....

## E Complete the missing adjectives.

- 1 I can't explain – it's very c\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d.
- 2 My laptop is easy to carry around because it's very l\_ \_ \_ t.
- 3 I wore t\_ \_ \_ k woolly socks to keep my feet warm.
- 4 She only made one ring like this, so it's u\_ \_ \_ \_ e.
- 5 I took it back to the shop because it was d\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ d.
- 6 My feet hurt because these boots are too t\_ \_ \_ t.

## F Match the two halves of the collocations. Look up the nouns (a–f) if you need help.

- |             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 follow    | a) stock        |
| 2 out of    | b) queue        |
| 3 a wide    | c) instructions |
| 4 pay a     | d) selection    |
| 5 wait in a | e) risk         |
| 6 take a    | f) fee          |

## PHRASAL VERBS

## G Choose the correct word to complete the phrasal verb.

- 1 We had to pay £200 to hire the car, but we'll get it *back / out*.
- 2 I took the shoes *away / back* because they didn't fit me.
- 3 The coat is too big, but I'll grow *in / into* it.