

UNIT 8 Shopping

Focus

Expressions:

I am (I'm) looking for a pair of trousers.
 What is (What's) your waist size?
 Have you got anything cheaper?
 Do you have them in cotton?

Prepare:

... to talk about your shopping preferences. Do you prefer to shop in supermarkets or smaller stores? Have you made any interesting purchases recently?
 Bring to the lesson shopping brochures, catalogues, receipts etc.
 Refer to the unit Language Summary on page 121.

1 Reading *Tax free shopping*

Go through this VAT refund form. Then fill it in.



2 Listening

Key dialogues

Listen to the dialogues and answer the questions.

- What size is she?
Can she afford the bigger pair?
- What does he want?
What is his collar size?
- Do they fit?
Does the shop have them in green?

**TAX
FREE**

FOR TOURISTS

VAT REFUND SERVICE

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname:

First name:

Permanent address:

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..... Country:

Passport identity number:

Issued by government of:

Refund address (if different from above):

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Refund through your account

AMEX VISA MASTERCARD DINERS

BANK A/C NUMBER:

Card no.

Refund by cheque.

Preferred currency:

CUSTOMER DECLARATION

I declare that I arrived in the UK on
 day month year

I intend to leave the UK finally on
 day month year

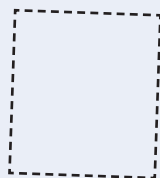
My country of final destination is:

My name, permanent address and other entered details are correct.

Signature:

Refund received signature:

WARNING: There are heavy penalties for making false declarations.
 Please read accompanying notes.



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Date stamp for verification of export.

Signature:

3 Study points

Indirect questions

1 Refer to the Language Notes at the end of this unit. Practise by changing these questions.

- [1] Can you tell me ...?
- [2] Do you know ...?
- [3] I need to know ...?

e.g. What size are you?

[2] *Do you know what size you are?*

a Do you sell trainers?

[1]

b Which department do I need?

[1]

c Do you stock Armani products?

[2]

d What colour do you want?

[3]

e How much are they?

[1]

f Do you have it in silk?

[2]

a pair and a couple

2 Complete the phrases.

e.g. *a couple of* of jackets *a pair of* shoes

a trousers e earrings

b dresses f gloves

c suits g shirts

d glasses h socks

too and enough

3 Check the Language Notes and then practise expressions like these.

The waist is too tight.

The sleeves aren't long enough.

waist sleeve collar chest leg

tight/loose long/short smart/casual light/dark
big/small wide/narrow

Match the phrases in the two columns.

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|--|--|
| a These trousers don't fit. | i It's too casual. |
| b I like this coat. | ii It isn't hot enough. |
| c This skirt doesn't fit. | iii They're too tight. |
| d I can't wear this jacket to the reception. | iv It's too early. |
| e I can't drink this tea. | v The waist is too tight. |
| f You can't go home yet. | vi But the sleeves aren't long enough. |

4 Listening

Buying clothes, centimetres and inches

Note the reference to centimetres and inches in the Language Notes.

Listen to the recording and fill in the voucher.

Tourist Tax Free Shopping Voucher

This voucher must be filled in on both sides.

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Quantity of goods	Please give a full description of goods or attach copy sales invoices and put their serial numbers below.	Price (incVAT)		VAT less fee
		£	p	
		Total payment (including VAT)		£118 94

Name of retailer: *Accord*
 Address of retailer: *91 Knightsead Road*
London W1
 VAT Registration No. *073 928 4167*

RETAILER'S DECLARATION I am satisfied that the customer is entitled to use the Retail Export Scheme.
 Date *17th June 2005* Signature *J W Petrie*
 day month year

I'm looking for a [pair of black trousers].
(I need)



Can you tell me what size you are?
What's your [waist] size?
What's that in a European size?

[These are] (much) too small.
[The sleeves aren't] long enough.
Have you got a bigger one/pair?
Have you got them in [cotton]?



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How much [are they]?
I can't afford that.
Have you got anything cheaper?



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It's/They're fine.
It/They fit perfectly.
I'll take it/them.



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What is that in dollars?
How many dollars are there to a pound?
Do you accept Visa?



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5 Practice

*Shopping for clothes,
sizes*

In pairs, practise shopping for clothes, using the table as necessary.

Refer to the clothing sizes in the Language Notes.

Language notes

too and enough

This is (a little) too small.
There are too many people.
I have too much work.
He speaks too quickly.
Is that too much?
No, it's just right.
Is this size big enough for you?
Are the sleeves long enough?
There aren't enough parking spaces.
I don't have enough change.
Is that enough?
Yes, that's plenty.

Centimetres and inches

Many English-speaking areas use imperial measures of length.

1 inch = 2.54 centimetres
1 foot = 0.3048 metres
1 mile = 1.609 kilometres

Plurals:

inch → inches
foot → feet

Direct and indirect questions

Notice the difference in word order between direct and indirect questions.

When is it ?	(direct)
Do you know when it is ?	(indirect)
Where is it ?	(direct)
Can I ask where it is ?	(indirect)
What time is the appointment ?	(direct)
Can you check what time the appointment is ?	(indirect)

Clothing sizes

(all size equivalents are approximate)

Men's suits and coats

British	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
American	36	38	40	42	44	46	48
European	46	48	50	52	54	56	58

Men's shirts

British	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17
American	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17
European	36	37	38	39/40	41	42	43

Men's shoes

British	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
American	7½	8½	9½	10½	11½	12½	13½
European	40½	42	43	44½	45½	47	48

Women's dresses and suits

British	8	10	12	14	16	18
American	–	8	10	12	14	16
European	–	38	40	42	44	46

Women's shoes

British	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7
American	4½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½
European	37	37½	38	39	39½	40	40½

Questions

What is your size? = What size are you?

What is your waist/collar size? = What size is your waist/collar?

I'm an American size 12. What's that in a European size?

If there is no question word in the direct question, we use **if** or **whether** in the indirect questions.

e.g. Do you sell shoes? (direct)

Do you know **if/whether**
they sell shoes?

(indirect)

We often use indirect questions to check information.

e.g. Am I right in thinking you're arriving on Friday?

Can I check that it **starts at 2.15**?