

THE PHOTOCOPIABLE RESOURCE Series

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LANGUAGES

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Smart Shoppers



A sketch in 2 scenes

Track 02

Roles 3

Runtime Around 2 minutes, depending on production

Sets A living room; a clothes shop

Props A dress, a coat, a blue scarf, a green scarf

Style A parody on shoppers' arrogance and silly consumerism

Synopsis A man and his wife go shopping for clothes. Through their insensitive and ridiculous behaviour they make fools of themselves.

Language level Elementary – A2

Language areas Language for shopping; admiring someone's clothes; making suggestions; telling someone what to do; showing annoyance; words for clothes

Stage tips The sketch opens in the main characters' living room. A table, a few chairs, some pictures or posters on the wall, etc. can easily create the right atmosphere.

The second part is set in a clothes shop. A few items of clothing and – if available – a table can be used to form the scenery.

Variations If you want to practise other language areas with your students, the characters can buy other clothes or go to a different shop altogether. Because the sketch is very short it could also be used for improvisation – students read the text (or part of it), get a few minutes' preparation time, and then act out an improvisation, possibly with their own ending.

Likewise, students can be asked to act out a continuation of the scene. A possible scenario could be for the couple to come back the next day. They are sorry for their behaviour on the previous day – but this time, the shop assistant surprises them ...

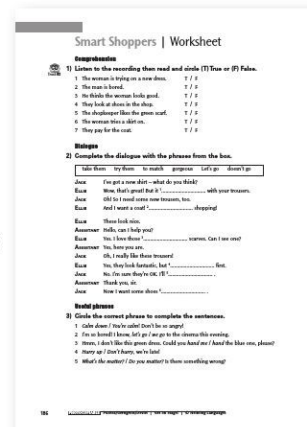
Materials



Track 02

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- Comprehension check
- Vocabulary: clothes and shopping
- Making suggestions, telling someone what to do





Smart Shoppers

Roles **Man**
 Woman
 Shopkeeper

Scene 1 **A living room. A man is sitting in a chair with his hands over his eyes.**

MAN Hurry up, darling.

WOMAN (*off*) Just a minute, almost there.

MAN I can't wait much longer. I'm so excited!

WOMAN I'm coming right now, but no peeping!

MAN I promise.

WOMAN (*entering*) OK. You can look now.

MAN (*taking his hands away*) At last!

WOMAN (*twirling around*) Well? How do I look in my new dress?

MAN You look marvellous, darling. Happy anniversary.

WOMAN You're sure it doesn't make my bottom look a bit fat?

MAN Not at all. But ...

WOMAN (*alarmed*) What? What's the matter? I look awful, don't I?

MAN Calm down, darling – there's nothing wrong! It's just that you look so lovely in that dress I want to get you something else to match.

WOMAN Oh my sweetie diddums dumpling! A scarf perhaps?

MAN Yes, or a gorgeous coat.

WOMAN Super! Let's go shopping!

Scene 2 **A clothes shop**

WOMAN Look at the wonderful scarves.

MAN Try on the blue one.

SHOPKEEPER Can I help you?

WOMAN No thanks. We're just looking.

MAN The blue scarf is beautiful! ... But it doesn't go with your dress.

WOMAN (*to shopkeeper*) Hand me the green one.

SHOPKEEPER Here you are. (*he hands her the green one, she gives him the blue one*)

WOMAN Well?

SHOPKEEPER It looks fantastic with your wonderful dress.

WOMAN Thank you.

MAN Darling, give it back and try that coat.

WOMAN (*to shopkeeper*) Would you mind?



SHOPKEEPER Of course not, madam. *(he takes the green scarf and hands her the coat)*

WOMAN It's nice. I really like it.

MAN Good. We'll take it. Goodbye.

SHOPKEEPER Where are you going? You haven't paid for the coat.

MAN She gave the green scarf back.

WOMAN And the blue scarf.

MAN We exchanged the coat for the scarves.

SHOPKEEPER But you didn't pay for the green scarf or the blue scarf either.

MAN Of course not. Why should I pay for something that I didn't buy?

SHOPKEEPER But ... but ...

WOMAN Let's go. Shopkeepers can be so unfriendly these days!



