

The clothes shop

Worksheet

1 What is the play about?

Here are some words from the play.

size	sale	therapy	tight
cost	card	colour	suit (vb)

1. Where do you think the play is set?

- a. a supermarket b. a party c. a department store

2. What do you think the people in the play are discussing?

- a. health b. clothes c. birthday presents

2 Vocabulary

Match these words from the play with their meanings.

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| 1. thump | a. personal identification number (used with credit cards) |
| 2. bum | b. a product that has its own name and is made by one particular company |
| 3. bargain | c. to hit someone or something with your fist |
| 4. cute | d. something you buy that costs much less than normal |
| 5. pin | e. the part of your body that you sit on |
| 6. brand | f. sexually attractive |

3 Extract from the play

Look at these five lines from the play. They form a short section of the play but they are in the wrong order. Put them in an order that makes sense. Then read the play to check your answer.

- a. Err ... no ... D'you think it suits me?
- b. What? Oh, er ... yes ... yes, it's nice. I really need some jeans, actually.
- c. Hey Mags, do you like this jumper?
- d. What do you mean you 'need some jeans'? You bought some last week!
- e. I like the colour – is it in the sale?

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4 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences using these words and phrases from the play.

spoilsport

declined

split

retail therapy

down

1. If clothes _____, a long, thin cut appears in them, often because they are too tight.
2. A _____ is someone who spoils someone else's plans or enjoyment.
3. If you are feeling _____, you are unhappy or sad.
4. If a credit card is _____, the transaction cannot be completed.
5. _____ is the activity of shopping in order to make yourself feel happier.

5 Discussion: Topic

Which of these topics do you think is the main topic of the play?

- a. supermarket shopping
- b. getting into debt
- c. keeping up with the latest fashion trends
- d. retail therapy as a cure for unhappiness
- e. buying expensive designer brands
- f. wasting money

6 Listen and speak

Work with a partner and practise reading the play to each other, taking a different role each time. Then listen to the recording and compare your version with the original.