

Using Catalogues with ESOL/ESL students

Age Group: Young Adults/ Adults

Level: Entry 2 and 3

Time: 1 hour

Skill focus: Using an index, scanning, locating information, reading and writing reference numbers.

Sub skills: Money and number vocabulary.

Materials: A catalogue with the items on the worksheet.

Curriculum References: Rt/E2.3a Rw/E2.5a Rt/E3.5a Rw/E3.4a

1. Show students a catalogue. Ask them what kind of things you can buy from them. Use this section to pre-teach vocab. Double bed, digital watch, fridge, flatscreen TV, iron with steam, vacuum cleaner (Hoover), sofa, mountain bike, digital watch.
2. Give out catalogues. Direct students to the index and explain how it works. Have them find out the page and reference numbers of a few items like a computer, a bike, a necklace etc.
3. For Entry 3 and more able students you can direct them to the next worksheet. They have £1000 to spend and must buy the items on the list. There is a little bit of maths involved here.

NB: Spend some time looking at the catalogue you are going to use. Make sure they have the items on the worksheet.

Catalogues

Use a catalogue to fill in the reference numbers page numbers and price.

Item to find	Reference	Page	Price
Double bed for under £200			
Computer workstation for under £50			
Digital watch for under £50			
Fridge for less than £250			
Flatscreen TV for less than £600			
Iron with steam for less than £45			
Vacuum cleaner for less than £80			
Three seat sofa for less than £400			
Mountain bike for less than £100			
Digital camera for less than £400			

Shopping for a new flat.

Use the catalogue and spend £1000 on your new flat. You must buy these things. If there is any money left, you can buy something else. You must not spend more than £1000.

Item	Price
Washing Machine	
Bed	
Fridge	
Cooker	
Alarm Clock	
Total:	£