

Lesson 40: Shopping

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Willy: Hello. Can I help you?

Michiko: No, thank you. I'm just browsing.

Willy: Let me know if you need anything. My name is Willy.

(after a while) Have you found something you like?

Michiko: (looking at a bag) I just remembered that I need a new backpack. This looks sturdy.

Willy: It is. It's got a one-year warranty too.

Michiko: Oh, but I'm travelling back to Japan. What if it rips when I'm already in Japan?

Willy: This store has a branch in Tokyo. You can take it to the shop there and they'll take care of it

for you. You just need to show the receipt.

Michiko: Wonderful! Do you have it in blue?

Willy: Yes, we do. Blue is a good choice.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

- 1. I was browsing in the mall when I saw the perfect pair of shoes.
- 2. A: What are you buying today? B: Nothing. I'll just browse around.
- 3. A: (on the phone) What are you doing? B: Browsing for shoes.

* just browsing / (買い物などで) ただ見ているだけ

3. Your Task

You are in a shopping mall in a foreign country. You found a blouse / shirt you really like but it is too big. Ask the salesperson (=your tutor) if it's available in your size. For another piece of clothing, you want to try it on so you ask where the fitting room is.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever shopped in a foreign country? If yes, did you speak to a salesperson? Tell your teacher about that experience.

Which is better for you: shopping in the mall or shopping online? Why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.