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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A Special Christmas Gift



Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|----------------------|----------|---|
| 1. bracelet | <u>B</u> | A. a small plastic card used to buy things |
| 2. cash | _____ | B. jewelry that you wear on your wrist |
| 3. cashier | _____ | C. a covering for your hands |
| 4. check-out counter | _____ | D. used to say that something bad has happened |
| 5. credit card | _____ | E. money in the form of coins and bills |
| 6. gloves | _____ | F. the place in a store where the cashier works |
| 7. sweater | _____ | G. a warm piece of clothing worn on your upper body |
| 8. unfortunately | _____ | H. a person who works at a store by taking money |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences.

1. My hands don't feel cold because I am wearing gloves.
2. Sam forgot to bring his money, but it's okay. He has a _____.
3. I did my homework. _____, I forgot to bring it to school!
4. I want to buy this book. Where is the _____?
5. My friend found a new job. He works as _____ in a supermarket.
6. I always wear a _____ and a jacket when it gets cold.
7. Would you like to pay by _____ or credit?
8. Kelly likes jewelry. She's wearing a ring and a _____.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

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Question: When was the last time you bought something? What did you buy?

- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



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- B** bracelet *n.*
C cash *n.*
 cashier *n.*
 check-out counter *n.*
 color *n.*
 credit card *n.*
G gloves *n.*
S shopping mall *n.*
 size *n.*
 sweater *n.*

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How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. F The paragraph is about the shopping mall in Canada.
2. _____ The young lady says her favorite color is blue.
3. _____ She found some jewelry for her friend.
4. _____ She was in the shopping mall for a long time.
5. _____ All of the gifts cost only ten dollars.
6. _____ She gave ten dollars to the woman behind her.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Which do you like better: large shopping malls - or small stores and traditional markets? Why?
2. Think about a special gift that someone gave you. What was it? Describe it.
3. Think about a special gift that you gave someone. What was it? Describe it.

Write

- Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.

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Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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1.

- (A) got
- (B) get
- (C) getting
- (D) gets

2.

- (A) when
- (B) were
- (C) will
- (D) was

3.

- (A) go
- (B) going
- (C) gone
- (D) went

4.

- (A) but
- (B) because
- (C) so
- (D) however

5.

- (A) with
- (B) by
- (C) to
- (D) on

6.

- (A) the large
- (B) the larger
- (C) the largest
- (D) the most largest

7.

- (A) my
- (B) me
- (C) mine
- (D) I

8.

- (A) takes
- (B) take
- (C) took
- (D) taked

9.

- (A) dollars'
- (B) dollar
- (C) dollar's
- (D) dollars

10.

- (A) not have
- (B) didn't have
- (C) didn't had
- (D) no have

11.

- (A) my
- (B) I
- (C) mine
- (D) me

12.

- (A) gave
- (B) was give
- (C) gived
- (D) give

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Listening and Writing Practice

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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Title "A Special Christmas Gift"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes past tense and superlatives)

Level Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

• Vocabulary

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|------|----------------------|
| 1. B | 1. gloves |
| 2. E | 2. credit card |
| 3. H | 3. Unfortunately |
| 4. F | 4. check-out counter |
| 5. A | 5. cashier |
| 6. C | 6. sweater |
| 7. G | 7. cash |
| 8. D | 8. bracelet |

ANSWER KEY Page 2

• Complete the Paragraph

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 1. shopping mall | 6. bracelet |
| 2. sweater | 7. check-out counter |
| 3. color | 8. cash |
| 4. gloves | 9. cashier |
| 5. size | 10. credit card |

ANSWER KEY Page 3

• How Much Do You Understand?

1. F (*It's about a shopping trip.*)
2. F (*It's her father's favorite color.*)
3. T
4. T
5. F (*She needs ten more dollars.*)
6. F (*The woman behind her gave her ten dollars.*)

ANSWER KEY Page 4

• Grammar (Paragraph)

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A |
| 2. C | 8. B |
| 3. A | 9. B |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. C | 11. A |
| 6. B | 12. C |

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Script

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