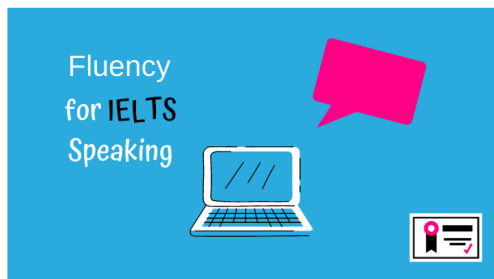


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Essential Vocabulary

To buy

to purchase (*formal*)

to pick up (*informal*)

Cheap (adj.)

inexpensive

low-priced goods / food

affordable goods / clothes

Expensive (adj.)

dear

costly

A shop (n.) = A store (n.) (US)

To shop (v.)

To shop for clothes / food

To shop around = *to look for the best price*

To **do the weekly shop / shopping** = buy food for the whole week

To **go shopping** for clothes / food

Collocations

A shopping **mall / centre**

To go **window shopping** = *look in shops without buying*

A High-street shop (*baker's, butcher's newsagents...*)

A Corner shop

Retail shops = *shops that sells to customers*

Wholesale shops = *sells to businesses/shops*

A One-stop shop = *one shop that sells everything you need*

To shop till you drop = *to shop for hours*

Phrasal Verbs

To pay for = *to buy*

Can I pay for this with cash?

To sell out = *to have no more stock*

They have sold out of those lovely cup cakes

To set s.o. back = *to cost (someone an amount of money)*

It set me back about 20 USD

To splash out = *to spend a lot of money*

I like to splash out on new clothes in the Spring sales

Enjoying shopping

It tends to depend on.....

That depends....

I love **browsing shops** = *going from shop to shop*

I'm an **impulsive shopper** = *I buy things whenever I feel like it, without planning*

I'm a **shopaholic** = *I am (almost) addicted to shopping*

I like to **window shop**, as I don't have much money to spend on clothes.

I like to see all the different things **on display**

Aisle (n.) - passageway, corridor (in a shop, church, airplane...)

I like to **walk along the aisles** in my local supermarket.

The **snack aisle** is my favourite.

I do, my local supermarket gives us **coupons** or **vouchers** that offer discounts to **incentivise** (=motivate) us shop more

Adverts are **ever-more** (=increasingly) **cunning** (=clever) and attractive.

The adverts **grab my attention** / **capture my attention**

A **brick and mortar shop** = *a physical shop*

Offline shopping versus online shopping

Bad Things

It's an **inevitable thing**

It's a shame that so many physical shops are disappearing

So many companies are **going out of business** due to COVID.

All of the following mean “to go out of business”

To close down

To go into liquidation

To go bankrupt

To go belly up

Unfortunately we **lose the personal touch** of chatting and socialising with other shoppers and shop assistants when we shop online

It's not a good thing as we don't know which sites to **trust**.

I am always **wary** (=careful with) **of** online payments, I mean you hear of so many **scams** (=dishonest attempts to get your money), so is it really safe and secure?

Good Things

The **rise of online shopping** means we can buy things from anywhere in the world, **at the click of a button** (=immediately)

Online shopping makes the purchase of most things **much easier and more convenient**.

Online shopping has been **a lifesaver** during COVID. It's easy to get anything, even **everyday essentials** like food.

I prefer _____

I lean towards _____ (=I like/prefer)

Online shopping saves time. **It saves a ton of time.**

It depends **on** what I am buying

I like physical shopping because I can **try** stuff **on**. (*Clothes*)

I like physical shopping because I can **try** stuff **out**. (*Electronic things*)

I can actually touch the products if I am in a real shop

Online shopping is **much more practical** and **the delivery** is usually pretty quick.

With the rise of companies like Amazon, then **online delivery** is very fast nowadays.

Online shopping is fun, if you like opening boxes.

I shop online for clothes a lot, but you never know if **the size is going to fit**, so there **is always a bit of a risk**.

Despite the convenience that comes with online shopping I still prefer offline shopping as it enables me to inspect my goods before paying.

Idioms about SHOPPING

To **cost an arm and a leg** = *to be expensive*

My new bike **cost an arm 'n' a leg**

I **paid over the odds** for it = *I paid too much*

I **paid through the nose** = *I paid too much*

It was **going for a song** = *it's cheap*

I like **retail therapy**, it cheers me up! = *shopping that makes you happy*

To **talk shop** = *talk about your work (usually negative)*

He is so boring, he is always talking shop at parties.

Students' Questions about Shopping

Keith what is the product which is consumed most in your country?

To be honest, **I don't know statistically speaking** which is the most consumed product in Britain, but I do know that British people buy and sell a lot of cheese.

We love cheese. So, there are **many varieties of** cheese that are **sold across the country**: mature cheese, blue cheese, crumbly cheese, cheese spreads.

It's something that's may be connected with our **eating culture** and our **culinary heritage**.

We like to have cheese on sandwiches. We often eat sandwiches at lunch time.

So, cheese with different sauces or different kinds of vegetables is a very, very common thing for us to **consume** either at lunch time or at another time of the day, in the afternoon.

So, I'd say, yeah, cheese **is one of the most popular, most widely consumed products** in my country.