CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

A Special Christmas Gift

Vocabulary Practice

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

1. bracelet  B. a small plastic card used to buy things
2. cash   
3. cashier  
4. check-out counter 
5. credit card  
6. gloves 
7. sweater  
8. unfortunately  

Use the above words to complete the sentences.

1. My hands don’t feel cold because I am wearing _____________.
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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(about 230 words)
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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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**

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

#### ANSWER KEY Page 2

**Complete the Paragraph**

1. shopping mall
2. sweater
3. color
4. gloves
5. size
6. bracelet
7. check-out counter
8. cash
9. cashier
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)**

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

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