

Go for it! A1 I need a gift

Use Unit 7, after classroom activity 4	Activity in pairs; role play
Duration 20 mins.	Focus Shopping; Lexical field: clothes and souvenirs

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut it up as indicated. Prepare a few extra copies of the worksheet that you don't cut up. You can give them to students to check if their dialogue is in the correct order.

Procedure

- 1.** Tell students they are going to prepare and role-play a dialogue between a shopping assistant and a client who wants to buy a gift. Make pairs and give one cut-up dialogue to each pair. Students could start by sorting the paper strips into two categories: shop assistant and customer. (With less confident students you may want to check if they have sorted the sentences correctly before going on.) They can then put the dialogue in the right order.
- 2.** After students have finished, you can give them the uncut worksheets you have prepared so they can check if their dialogue is correct. Two voluntary students read the dialogue for the whole class.
- 3.** After this, focus students' attention on the underlined words and expressions – they can be changed in the dialogue. Ask students what other words they can think of, e.g., "I need a gift for my *husband*" (instead of *best friend*). Have students write down some ideas on how to change the dialogue.
- 4.** Students then practise the dialogue in pairs with their variations. Encourage them to react to the changes their partner suggests by changing their replies accordingly. Students should then change roles and speak the dialogue again. At this stage, it is ok if the dialogue changes quite a bit. Students may want to try out the language they have learned in Unit 7.
- 5.** Monitor closely and make some notes for a brief error-correction stage. At the end, each pair can read their dialogue in class.

Extension

Confident students who enjoy practising can cover the dialogue and speak it as freely as they can.

Hello! Can I help you?



Hello! Yes, I need a gift for my best friend.
It's his birthday tomorrow.

That's nice. How about a New York T-shirt?
We have it in black, blue and red.

Ooh, the blue one's really nice! How much is it?

It's €25.75.

OK, I'd like a T-shirt then. Do you have any key rings?

Yes, we do. Look at these.

Ooh, they are really nice. How much are they?

The big ones are €15.50 and the small ones are €7.25.

Hmm ... the big ones are nicer. I'd like two.
Can I pay by credit card?

Yes, of course. We accept Mastercard and Visa.

Thanks for your help!

You're welcome.