

6C Teacher's notes I'm looking for a scarf.

Activity: Pairwork; role play

Language point: Buying clothes; telling somebody not to worry (Unit 6, Section D, page 79)

Time: 30 minutes

Materials: One handout for each pair of students, cut along the dotted lines into an upper and lower section. The lower section should be cut along the lines into twelve cards.

Procedure:

Exercise 1

- Divide the class into pairs.
- Give the upper section of the handout to each pair, and set a five-minute time limit to complete the phrases. They should then write SA next to all the shop assistant phrases and C next to all the customer phrases.
- Monitor carefully and then check the answers as a class.
- Elicit other phrases that mean *never mind* and write them on the board, e.g. *That's OK. No worries! No problem. Don't worry! It doesn't matter!*

Exercise 2

- Give each pair a set of cards from the lower section of the handout.
- Give the pairs a few minutes to match the cards to make mini shopping conversations. Check the answers as a class.
- Now ask the students to shuffle the cards then spread them out face down on the desk.
- Explain the activity. Students take turns to choose two of the cards on the desk and turn them face up. The aim is to match the cards to make mini shopping conversations. If a student reveals a matching pair, they keep the cards and have another go. If they are unsuccessful, they turn both cards face down again and the next student has a go. The winner is the student with the most pairs at the end.
- Option: After playing the game, students can work in pairs to test each other. Student A reads the first line of each conversation and Student B responds. Student B can either give the exact response on the card, or an alternative appropriate response, e.g.:

A How is it? Does it fit?

B Yes, it's perfect.

A I'm afraid we only have it in this colour.

B No problem.

Students A and B then swap roles.

KEY:

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- 1 Can I help you? (SA)
- 2 Can I try them on, please? (C)
- 3 Have you got a bigger size? (C)
- 4 The changing room is over there. (SA)
- 5 What can I do for you? (SA)
- 6 I'm looking for a black top. (C)
- 7 It's half price this week. (SA)
- 8 How are they? Do they fit OK? (SA)
- 9 How much is it? (C)
- 10 They're too small. (C)
- 11 Do you need any help? (SA)
- 12 I'm afraid not. (SA)
- 13 Could I see the green one, please? (C)
- 14 Oh well, never mind. (C)

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Do you need any help?

No, I'm just looking, thanks.

Can I try it on, please?

Yes, of course. The changing room is over there.

What size are you?

Medium.

How is it? Does it fit OK?

No, it's too big.

How much are they?

They're half price today. So they're £9.

I'm afraid we only have it in this colour.

No worries!