



# SHOPPING IN ENGLISH

Basic phrases for shopping and bargaining in English

## WHERE?

Where can I buy...?

Where can I find a...?

## SERVICE

Can you help me?

I'm looking for...

I'm just looking.

Do you have/sell...?

Can you show me...? (this/ that/ the one in the window)

## DEFINING THE ARTICLE

I'd like ... one. (an elegant/a light/ a modern/ an original)

I don't want anything too expensive.

## I'D PREFER

Can you show me something else?

Don't you have anything...? (cheaper/ better/ larger)

It's too... (expensive/ big/ small/ light/ dark)

## HOW MUCH?

How much is this?

Please write it down.

I don't want to spend more than... (dollars/ pounds/ euro)

## DECISION

I'll take it.

No, I don't like it.

## PAYING

Can I pay by...? (credit card/ debit card/ eurocheque)

Do you accept foreign currency?

May I have a bag please?

## BARGAINING IN TOP TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

### MOROCCO

Haggling in Morocco is expected, prices in most shops and markets are negotiable. Not good at haggling? Look for shops with "fixed-price" signs.

### CAMBODIA

Bargaining is usually expected, but don't get too emotional, as this might be viewed as a sign of weakness.

### TURKEY

Negotiation/bargaining is often expected. Showing a little emotion is common, but remain calm.

### VIETNAM

Bargaining is part of Vietnamese culture. It's expected when prices are not posted.

### EGYPT

Bargaining is expected. Showing some emotions can be advantageous, since Egyptians are extremely emotional people.

### ITALY

Especially in South Italy, haggling is common. You can haggle in any street market, but in shops it might not be appropriate (though some shops in the South often do, if you're buying several things).

In North America and Europe bargaining is restricted to expensive or one-of-a-kind items (automobiles, real estate, ...) and informal sales settings such as flea markets and garage sales. In other regions of the world bargaining may be expected even for small commercial transactions.



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