

Workshop: DICTATION

Levels: A1-A2

Topic: SHOPPING IN LONDON

Objective: To improve spelling, comprehension and listening skills

Materials: Handouts

Procedure:

1. Introduce yourself to the sts and let them do the same if they don't know each other
2. Go through difficult vocabulary first, then read aloud the passage
3. Start dictating with a lower speed
4. Read the text again for the third time, giving them the possibility of filling the gaps of the words they have missed
5. Give them the sheet with the text and let them correct their work. Ask them if they have any doubts.
6. Thank sts for coming to the lesson

Shopping in London

London is one of the greatest shopping centres in the world.

In all the main shopping districts one can find goods of a high quality at reasonable prices . Many articles are, in fact, much cheaper than elsewhere, especially ready-made clothes for men or for women.

There are many large stores and hundreds of shops some of which have a reputation for quality and good service.

The great problem of shopping in a city as large as London is to find out which are the best shops to go for the different things you want to buy. Most of the big stores are in the West End. Some of them are very modern: they are equipped with speedy lifts and escalators, ventilation and heating, snack bars and restaurants. In them you can find the largest variety of goods from a swimming pool to a pair of socks.

Famous stores are Selfridges, Fortnum and Mason in Piccadilly that is very popular for its food department and Liberty's especially well-known for its dress and furnishing material.

There is, however, one shop in London that can be considered a world of its own: Harrods of Knightsbridge. It has a unique reputation among department stores.

You can have your hair cut at Harrods, sit for your photograph or for a portrait in oils, buy theatre tickets, hire a car, or borrow a book from the subscription library.

The store also stages fashion and art shows, and special exhibitions are held throughout the year in the display hall on the ground floor.

Its motto is well known: "Everything for everybody everywhere".

Harrods means the best, the latest and the most luxurious .

There are 200 selling departments: the Wine and Spirits Shop, the Meat and Fish Hall, the Piano Department, the Tartan Shop where you can buy a bird, a porcupine, even an elephant!

On the fourth floor of the store there is a special section for young shoppers: the well known Way In; here fashion trends are of the very latest and the Way In's own snack bar is the gathering place for the "young-about-town".

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