

Shopping to Feel Good



Anna and Emma felt a bit sad today. They decided to go shopping to feel better. They walked to a big department store in town. The store had many pretty clothes and shoes.

First, they looked at some jeans. Anna found blue jeans that fit her well. Emma saw black jeans she liked. Both jeans were on sale, so the price was good. They were happy with their new jeans.

Next, they saw a bright red blouse. Anna tried it on. It was her size and very soft. Emma said, 'That looks great on you!' Anna smiled and looked at the price. It was not too much, so she decided to buy it.

They also needed new hats for sun. Emma found a pink hat. Anna chose a white hat. Both hats were cute and not expensive. They laughed and put the hats on their heads.

It was getting cold outside, so they went to see the raincoats. Emma found a yellow raincoat. It was warm and light. Anna looked for one too, but did not find her size.

Before they left, they checked their cash. They had enough to pay for their clothes. They went to the cashier and paid for their jeans, blouse, hats, and raincoat. With bags in hands, they left the store.

Outside, the sun was shining again. Anna and Emma felt much better now. They had fun shopping together. Their new clothes were just what they needed.

CEFR Level Card

General Level: A2.1

Vocabulary: A1.4

Verb Forms: A1.6

Sentences: A2.0

Vocabulary

blouse NOUN B1 x2

Definition (En):

n. a top worn by women

cashier NOUN B2 x1

Definition (En):

n. a person responsible for receiving payments for goods and services (as in a shop or restaurant)

v. discard or do away with

v. discharge with dishonor, as in the army

cute ADJ B2 x1

Definition (En):

s. obviously contrived to charm

shine VERB B1 x1

Definition (En):

v. emit light; be bright, as of the sun or a light

v. be distinguished or eminent

v. be clear and obvious

v. throw or flash the light of (a lamp)

Phrases

PHRASE	COUNT	SENTENCES
blue jeans	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna found blue jeans that fit her well.
department store	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They walked to a big department store in town.

Reading Comprehension Exercises

True / False

1. Anna and Emma went shopping because they were feeling a little sad.
2. The department store they visited was small and only had a few items.
3. Emma thought the red blouse looked ugly on Anna.
4. They bought hats to protect their heads from the sun.
5. Anna was unable to find a raincoat in a color she liked.
6. They didn't have enough money to pay for their shopping.
7. Emma chose a blue hat to match her black jeans.
8. The sun was shining when they left the store.
9. Anna and Emma only bought clothes for themselves.
10. They did not enjoy their time shopping together.

Multiple Choice

- 1) Why did Anna buy the red blouse?
 - A) Because it was too big.
 - B) Because it was very soft and her size.
 - C) Because Emma did not like it.
 - D) Because it was for sun.

- 2) How did they feel after shopping?
 - A) They felt tired.
 - B) They felt hungry.
 - C) They felt much better.
 - D) They felt cold.

- 3) Why did Anna and Emma decide to go shopping at the beginning?
 - A) Because the weather was nice.
 - B) To buy some food.
 - C) Because they needed raincoats.
 - D) To feel better.

- 4) Where did Emma find the jeans she liked?
 - A) At the cashier.
 - B) In a small store.
 - C) At a department store.
 - D) Outside.

- 5) What was the problem with the raincoats?
 - A) They were too expensive.
 - B) They were too light.
 - C) Anna could not find her size.
 - D) They were not warm enough.

- 6) What did they do before leaving the store?
 - A) They went to buy more clothes.
 - B) They checked their cash.
 - C) They tried on more clothes.
 - D) They went to the store again.

- 7) Why were the jeans a good buy?
 - A) Because they were on sale.
 - B) Because they were not cute.
 - C) Because they were too big.
 - D) Because they were for rain.

- 8) What can we infer about the weather from their shopping?
 - A) It was always warm.
 - B) It started cold and then became sunny.
 - C) It was raining all day.
 - D) It was snowing.

- 9) Why did Anna and Emma put on hats?
- A) Because the hats were not expensive.
 - B) Because it was raining.
 - C) For protection from the sun.
 - D) Because the hats were too small.
- 10) What did Emma and Anna do at the end of their shopping trip?
- A) They returned everything they bought.
 - B) They sat down outside the store.
 - C) They went back into the store to shop more.
 - D) They paid for their items and left the store.

Short Answer

1. Why did Anna and Emma go shopping?
2. Where did Anna and Emma go to shop?
3. What did Anna and Emma buy first?
4. Why were Anna and Emma happy with the jeans?
5. What did Anna decide to buy after trying it on?
6. What color was the hat that Emma chose?
7. Did Anna find a raincoat in her size?
8. What did they do before paying for the clothes?
9. How did they feel after leaving the store?
10. What made the shopping fun for Anna and Emma?

Multiple Choice Cloze

Anna and Emma felt a bit ___1___ today. They decided to go shopping to feel better. They walked to a big department store in ___2___. The store had many pretty clothes and shoes.

First, they looked at some ___3___. Anna found blue jeans that fit her well. Emma saw black jeans she liked. Both jeans were on ___4___, so the price was good. They were happy with their new jeans.

Next, they saw a bright red ___5___. Anna tried it on. It was her size and very soft. Emma said, 'That looks great on you!' Anna smiled and looked at the price. It was not too much, so she decided to buy it.

They also needed new ___6___ for the sun. Emma found a pink hat. Anna chose a white hat. Both hats were cute and not ___7___. They laughed and put the hats on their heads.

It was getting ___8___ outside, so they went to see the raincoats. Emma found a yellow raincoat. It was warm and light. Anna looked for one too, but did not find her ___9___.

Before they left, they checked their cash. They had enough to pay for their clothes. They went to the cashier and paid for their jeans, blouse, hats, and raincoat. With bags in hands, they left the store.

Outside, the sun was shining again. Anna and Emma felt much better now. They had fun shopping together. Their new clothes were just what they ___10___.

1) A. sad B. lazy C. tired D. big

2) A. school B. park C. town D. car

3) A. hats B. jeans C. blouses D. shoes

4) A. display B. sale C. charge D. back

5) A. scarf B. blouse C. coat D. dress

6) A. hats B. shoes C. scarves D. bags

7) A. heavy B. expensive C. ugly D. dirty

8) A. warm B. quiet C. busy D. cold

9) A. color B. style C. size D. taste

10) A. needed B. found C. bought D. sold

Exercise Answers

True / False Answers

1. True

Explanation: The text states they felt 'a bit sad today' and decided to go shopping to 'feel better', which means the statement is true.

("Anna and Emma felt a bit sad today. They decided to go shopping to feel better.")

2. False

Explanation: The text indicates that the store was 'big' and had 'many pretty clothes and shoes', so the statement is false.

("They walked to a big department store in town. The store had many pretty clothes and shoes.")

3. False

Explanation: Emma actually said the blouse looks 'great' on Anna, which means she thought it looked good, not ugly.

("Emma said, 'That looks great on you!'")

4. True

Explanation: Since they needed 'new hats for sun', it is true that they bought hats for sun protection.

("They also needed new hats for sun.")

5. False

Explanation: The text says Anna did not find her size, not that she didn't find a color she liked. Therefore, the statement is false.

("Anna looked for one too, but did not find her size.")

6. False

Explanation: The text clearly states they had 'enough to pay for their clothes', so the statement is false.

("They had enough to pay for their clothes.")

7. False

Explanation: The text says Emma found a 'pink hat', not blue, so the statement is false.

("Emma found a pink hat.")

8. True

Explanation: The text states 'the sun was shining again' when they left the store, making the statement true.

("Outside, the sun was shining again.")

9. True

Explanation: The text doesn't mention them buying anything for anyone else, indicating that they only bought items for themselves.

("They went to the cashier and paid for their jeans, blouse, hats, and raincoat.")

10. False

Explanation: The text explicitly states 'They had fun shopping together', which means they did enjoy their time, so the statement is false.
("They had fun shopping together.")

Multiple Choice Answers

1. B

Explanation: Anna bought the blouse because it fit her well and was soft.
("It was her size and very soft.")

2. C

Explanation: The text mentions they felt much better after the shopping experience.
("They felt much better now.")

3. D

Explanation: The text indicates that Anna and Emma went shopping because they were feeling a bit sad and wanted to feel better.
("They decided to go shopping to feel better.")

4. C

Explanation: Emma and Anna were at a big department store, which is where they found the clothes, including the jeans.
("They walked to a big department store in town.")

5. C

Explanation: The issue was that Anna couldn't find a raincoat in her size.
("Anna looked for one too, but did not find her size.")

6. B

Explanation: Before leaving, Anna and Emma made sure they had enough cash to pay for their purchases.
("Before they left, they checked their cash.")

7. A

Explanation: The jeans were a good purchase because they were on sale.
("Both jeans were on sale, so the price was good.")

8. B

Explanation: The text mentions it was getting cold when they looked at raincoats, and later, the sun was shining, indicating a change in weather from cold to sunny.
("It was getting cold outside...Outside, the sun was shining again.")

9. C

Explanation: The text clearly states that they needed new hats for the sun.
("They also needed new hats for sun.")

10. D

Explanation: The text states that after paying for their purchases, Anna and Emma left the store with their bags.

("They went to the cashier and paid for their jeans, blouse, hats, and raincoat. With bags in hands, they left the store.")

Short Answer Answers

1. To feel better.

Explanation: The text says they felt a bit sad and decided to go shopping to feel better.
("They decided to go shopping to feel better.")

2. A big department store.

Explanation: The text indicates that they walked to a big department store in town to shop.
("They walked to a big department store in town.")

3. Jeans.

Explanation: They first looked at jeans and were happy with the ones they found, suggesting that was their initial purchase.
("First, they looked at some jeans.")

4. They fit well and were on sale.

Explanation: The text mentions Anna found jeans that fit and both types were on sale, implying they are happy because of the good fit and price.
("Anna found blue jeans that fit her well. Both jeans were on sale.")

5. A bright red blouse.

Explanation: The text states Anna tried on a blouse, it fit her well, and decided to buy it.
("Anna tried it on. It was her size and very soft. So she decided to buy it.")

6. Pink.

Explanation: The text clearly states that Emma found a pink hat.
("Emma found a pink hat.")

7. No.

Explanation: The text says Anna did not find a raincoat in her size.
("Anna looked for one too, but did not find her size.")

8. Checked their cash.

Explanation: The text indicates that before going to the cashier, they checked their cash.
("Before they left, they checked their cash.")

9. Much better.

Explanation: The text describes that after shopping, Anna and Emma felt much better.
("Anna and Emma felt much better now.")

10. Shopping together.

Explanation: The text suggests that the act of shopping together made the experience fun for them.
("They had fun shopping together.")

Multiple Choice Cloze Answers

1. A

Explanation: The text says they felt 'a bit sad'.

2. C

Explanation: They walked to a big department store in 'town'.

3. B

Explanation: They first looked at 'jeans'.

4. B

Explanation: Both jeans were 'on sale'.

5. B

Explanation: They saw a bright red 'blouse'.

6. A

Explanation: They needed new 'hats' for the sun.

7. B

Explanation: The hats they chose were cute and not 'expensive'.

8. D

Explanation: It was getting 'cold' outside.

9. C

Explanation: Anna could not find a raincoat in her 'size'.

10. A

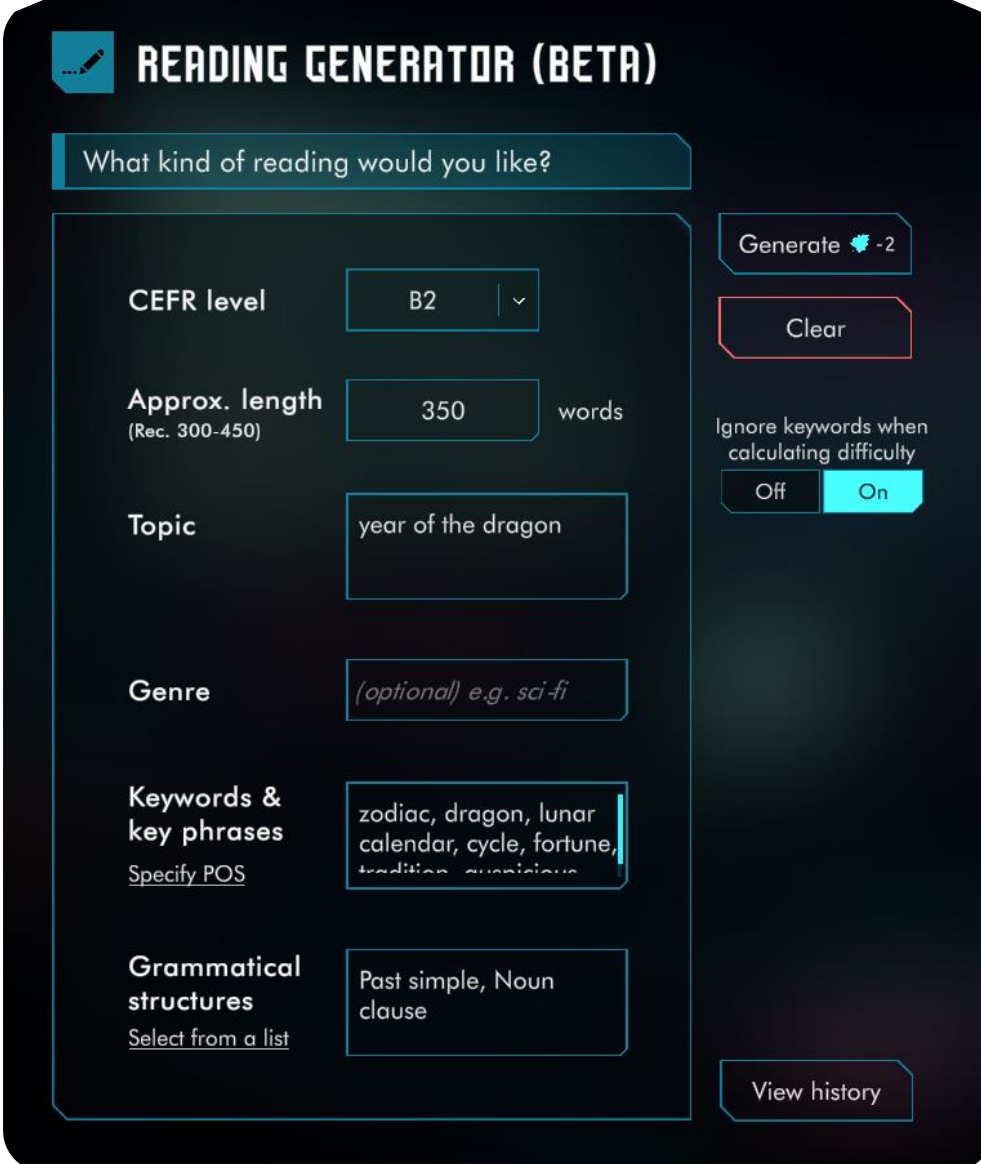
Explanation: Their new clothes were just what they 'needed'.

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