

Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary

Read this paragraph about shopping. Check your understanding of the words in bold.

When a customer wants to buy something, he has to choose the type of **(retail) store** he wants to go to. Some stores are just **outlets** of large **chains** and some are small private businesses. When a customer enters a store, he sees the **display** of the **merchandise** that is **for sale**. All the merchandise in the store has a **price tag** or a **label** with a **bar code**. If he doesn't find what he is looking for, he can place an **order**. The **sales clerk** at the counter uses the bar code to input the price of the product into the **cash register**. The customer pays for the purchases with cash or a credit card and **coupons** or **gift certificates**. It is important for him to keep his **receipts** in case there is a problem with the item. If there is, he has to return the **purchase** to the store with the receipt within a certain time period for a **refund**.

Vocabulary note

Some words have the same noun and verb form and are pronounced the same.

Order (noun/verb); **answer** (noun/verb); **purchase** (noun/verb)

Some words have the same noun and verb form but have a different pronunciation.

Record (noun), **record** (verb); **increase** (noun), **increase** (verb); **refund** (noun), **refund** (verb)

1 Read these email extracts and then complete the definitions with the correct word in italics.

I've just come back from the mall. I went with my brothers and sisters to try to buy birthday presents for Grandma. Alice had some *coupons* from the newspaper to get 20 cents off Grandma's favorite brand of shampoo, so that's what she got. Evan and Denise decided to buy a *gift certificate* for Grandma so she could choose her own birthday present. I didn't get anything - I still haven't decided what to purchase. Have you got any ideas?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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