

6A Shopping planners

Activity type: Vocabulary and speaking – Role play – Pairs

Aim: To practise using expressions for different shops and parts of a shopping centre

Language: Shops and shopping – Use at any point from 6.1.

Preparation: Make one copy of the worksheet for every two learners. Cut up each worksheet along the dotted lines.

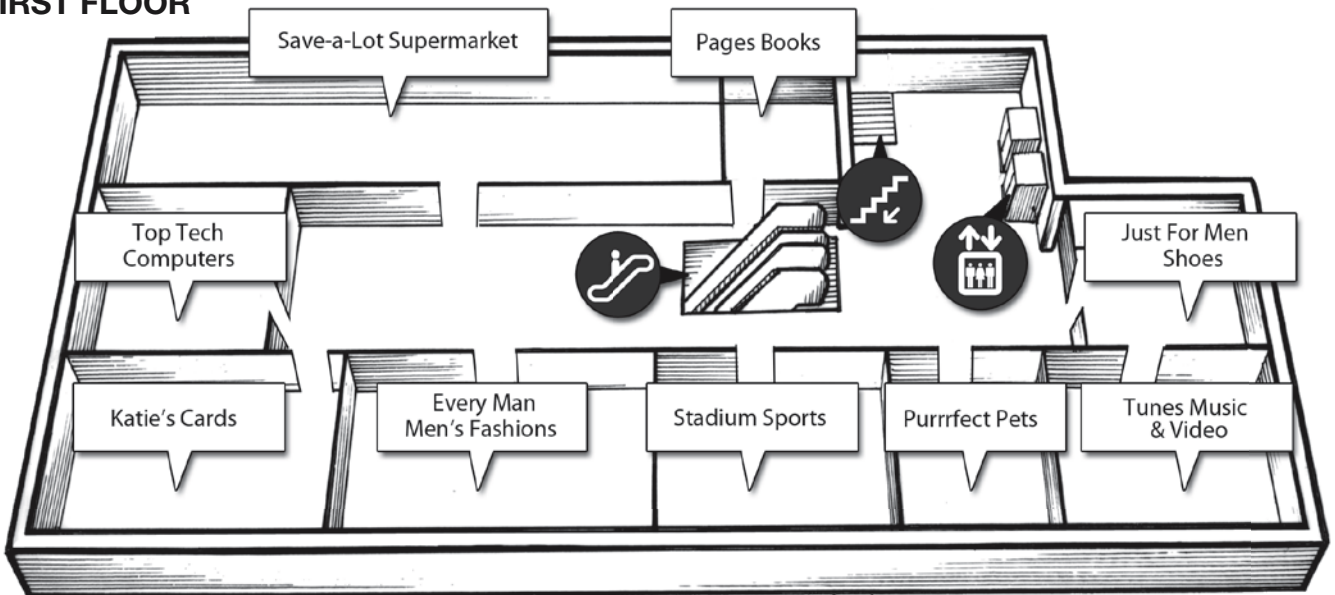
Time: 20–30 minutes

- 1 Learners sit in pairs. Give each pair one shopping list, either A or B.
- 2 Learners look at the items on their shopping list together and add two more items (which they would be able to buy in a shopping centre) to their list in the spaces provided.
- 3 Explain that there is a new shopping centre in town which has an internet service, *Shopping Planners*, aimed at helping shoppers to plan their shopping trip. All you have to do is email your shopping list to the website, www.shoppingplanners.com, and *Shopping Planners* will tell you which shop you have to go to for each item, and the best order to visit the different shops, so that your shopping trip is as quick and efficient as possible.
- 4 Explain that learners are going to play the roles of shoppers and shopping planners. Pairs with shopping list A ‘send’ their list to a pair with shopping list B, and vice versa. Then give each pair a copy of the Shopping Centre Plan. Pairs look at the list they have received and work together to decide which shops the ‘shopper’ has to visit.
- 5 When they have matched each item on the list with a shop, pairs decide in which order the shopper should visit the shops to make the trip as quick as possible. They should assume the shoppers will be arriving by car and parking in the Shopping Centre Car Park. Note that the shopping lists not only specify items to buy – they also include other arrangements.
- 6 When they have finished, pairs feed back to the ‘shoppers’ who sent them the list. They can do this either by giving the pair a list of the correct shops in the order decided, or feed back orally while the ‘shoppers’ trace the route on their Shopping Centre Plan.

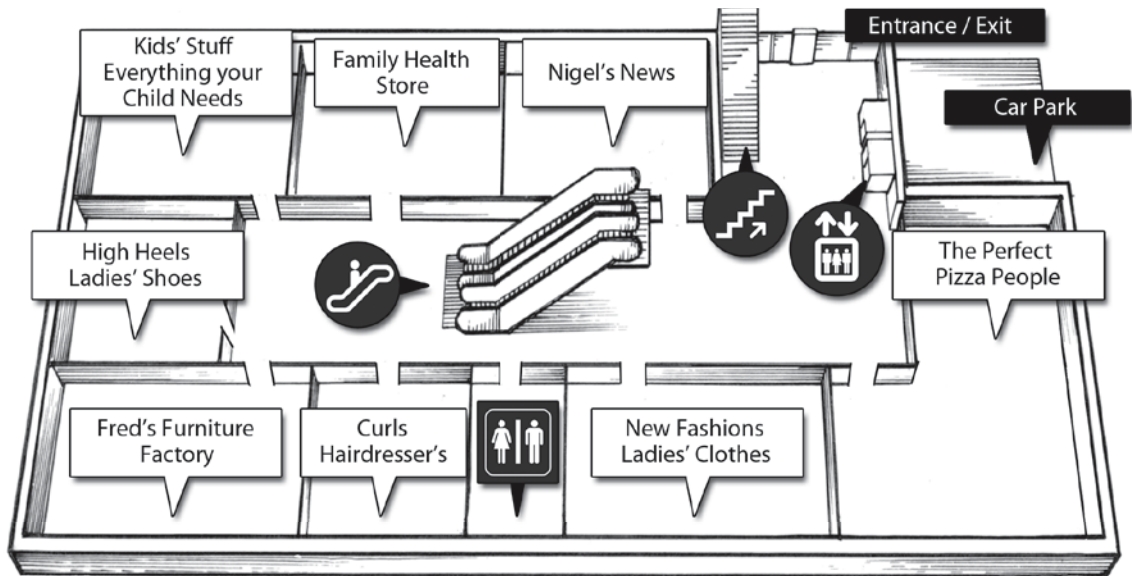
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Shopping Centre Plan

FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR



A

new shoes for Daniel *lamp for bedroom*
tennis racket *blouse*
book to read on holiday *cheese*
new printer for computer *rabbit food*

haircut - 2.30pm!
coffee with Mike - 4pm?

B

present for dad - CD? *tie*
something for dinner *bag for mum*
dress for M's party! *birthday card for sue*
Tony's golf magazine *paracetamol*

new sofa - check prices
something for Julia's new baby?