ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary Going Shopping Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

GOING SHOPPING

If you want to buy a ready-made (or we sometimes say off-the-_____) jacket, first find the jackets in the shop and look at the _____ inside to see the size, material and make.
✔ **A) peg**
Off-the-peg is a British expression for clothes that are made in standard sizes and sold ready to wear, not made for one person. In American English people usually say **off-the-rack**.

2. If you want to buy a ready-made (or we sometimes say off-the-_____) jacket, first find the jackets in the shop and look at the _____ inside to see the size, material and make.
✔ **D) label**
A **label** is the small piece of cloth sewn inside clothes that shows the size, material and make. Not **tag**, because a tag usually hangs on the outside and shows the price.

3. For the price, look at the price-_____.
✔ **C) tag**
A **price-tag** is the small ticket attached to a product that shows how much it costs. A **receipt** or **bill** is a piece of paper you get when you pay, not before.

4. To see if it will _____ you, you can _____ the jacket in front of a mirror.
✔ **D) fit**
Clothes **fit** you when they are the right size for your body: **These shoes don't fit me; they're too small.** We don't say **go you** or **adapt you**.

5. To see if it will _____ you, you can _____ the jacket in front of a mirror.
✔ **C) try on**
Try on means to put on clothes to see if they fit or look good: **Can I try on this jacket?** Not **try out**, which means testing a machine or an idea, not clothes.

6. If necessary, a (an) _____ will help you.
✔ **B) assistant**
A **shop assistant** is the person whose job is to help customers in a shop. Not **cashier**, because the cashier's job is to take your money, not to help you choose.

7. You pay the _____, who you will find at the _____ desk.
✔ **B) cashier**
You pay the **cashier**, the person who takes the money in a shop or bank. The clue is that you find this person at the **cash desk**. Not **assistant**, who helps you choose.

8. You pay the _____, who you will find at the _____ desk.
✔ **A) cash**
The **cash desk** is the place in a shop where you pay for the things you buy. In American English it is often called the **checkout** or **register**.

9. He or she will take your money, put it in the _____ and give you your change.
✔ **A) till**
A **till** is the drawer or machine in a shop where the money is kept. Not **wallet**, which is the small case you keep your own money in.

10. Make sure you also get a (an) _____, which you should keep and bring back to the shop with the jacket if something is wrong with it and you want to _____ it or ask for a (an) _____ of your money.
✔ **A) receipt**
A **receipt** is the piece of paper you get after paying. It shows what you bought and how much you paid. You need it to return something to the shop.

11. Make sure you also get a (an) _____, which you should keep and bring back to the shop with the jacket if something is wrong with it and you want to _____ it or ask for a (an) _____ of your money.
✔ **C) exchange**
To **exchange** something means to give it back and take a different one: **I'd like to exchange this jacket for a bigger size.** Not **refund**, because the shop refunds money to you; you don't refund the jacket.

12. Make sure you also get a (an) _____, which you should keep and bring back to the shop with the jacket if something is wrong with it and you want to _____ it or ask for a (an) _____ of your money.
✔ **B) refund**
A **refund** is money that the shop gives back to you when you return something: **ask for a refund**. Not **repay**, which is a verb meaning to pay back money you borrowed.

13. In clothes shops, you pay a fixed price, of course. You don't _____.
✔ **B) bargain**
To **bargain** means to discuss the price with the seller to try to pay less, as people often do in markets. The clue is **fixed price**: the price cannot change, so you don't bargain.

14. Or you can wait until the _____ when many goods are reduced in price.
✓ **D) sales**
The sales is the time when shops sell goods at lower prices: **I bought this coat in the January sales.** Not **bargain**, which is one cheap item, not a period of time.

15. If you don't like shops, you can stay at home, look at catalogues and newspaper advertisements and do your shopping by _____ order.
✓ **C) mail**
Mail order means choosing goods from a catalogue or advertisement and having them sent to your home by post. The clue is **stay at home** and **catalogues**.

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