

## I – VOCABULARY SHEET

Layaway

Payment

Store Credit Card

Fitting room

Refund

Refund policy

Minimum payment due

Annual interest rate

Price

Merchandise

Clearance

On sale

Bargain hunting

A good deal

Price tag

Care label

Sales receipt

Polyester

Silk

## II - COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES SHOPPING SHEET

GRAMMAR RULES Comparative adjectives are used to compare two or more items.

1. Add -er and than when the word is a one-syllable adjective.

Small – smaller than      This shirt is smaller than that one.  
Large – larger than      The green dress seems larger than the blue one.

2. When a two-syllable adjectives ends in -y, turn the y into an i, add -er and than.

Pretty – prettier than      Your yellow sweater is prettier than my blue one.  
Busy - busier than      The mall is busier than the boutique.  
Ugly - uglier than      These shoes are uglier than those.

3. Add more ....than with adjectives of two or more syllables.

More expensive than      Coats are more expensive than T-shirts.  
More elegant than      A dinner jacket is more elegant than a sports jacket.  
More comfortable than      Sandals are more comfortable than shoes.

4. Irregular adjectives usually change completely.

Good – better than      Cotton is better than polyester.  
Bad - worse than      Big stores are worse than small ones.

**EXERCISES:** Using the comparative adjectives rules, write the correct comparative in the sentences below.

1. The fitting rooms at the department store are \_\_\_\_\_ (large) the fitting rooms at the boutique.
2. Polyester is now \_\_\_\_\_ (cheap) silk.
3. The annual interest rate of this store credit card is \_\_\_\_\_ (high) the annual interest rate of my bank credit card.
4. Natural clothing materials are currently \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) synthetic materials.
5. The salesclerks at this store are \_\_\_\_\_ (lazy) the salesclerks at the mall.
6. Black is \_\_\_\_\_ (elegant) than orange.
7. The items on sale are \_\_\_\_\_ (good quality) the items on the clearance rack.
8. This light green polyester suit is \_\_\_\_\_ (tacky) and \_\_\_\_\_ (ugly) the blue one.
9. You can find \_\_\_\_\_ (good) deals at a thrift store \_\_\_\_\_ at a specialty boutique.
10. Bargain hunters get \_\_\_\_\_ (good) deals \_\_\_\_\_ other shoppers.
11. The toy store is \_\_\_\_\_ (noisy) the cybercafé.
12. The prices here are \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) the prices at my favorite store.

Petite

Small

Large - Extra large

Tacky

Salesperson

Accessories

Application

What are these pants made of?

How much does this dress cost?

How does it look?

It's very expensive!

Does it fit? Yes, it does.

Does it fit? No, it doesn't. It's too small. I need a larger size.

How would you like to pay for this?

Let's look for a larger size.

This shirt costs more than the other one.

This material is softer than this other one.

### **III - SHOPPING DIALOGUES**

#### **EXERCISE I** – SHOPPING WITH A FRIEND

1. Practice the following dialogues with a partner.

**Dialogue A:** You, as a customer, approach the salesclerk.

**Customer:** Good morning. Can you help me please?

**Salesclerk:** Good morning. What do you need?

**Customer:** I need to buy a dress for a party.

**Salesclerk:** What color and size are you looking for?

**Customer:** Size medium or large. I am not sure about the color or style. I want to look at your selection.

**Salesclerk:** Oh! I see. The medium and large size dresses are here. When you find what you like you can go try them on in the fitting room over there. Let me know if you need anything else.

**Customer:** Thanks. I will do that.

**Salesclerk:** No problem.

**Dialogue B:** You discuss the selections available with your friend.

**Customer:** Look at this royal blue dress. Do you like it?

**Friend:** It looks nice. What's it made of? The material is soft.

**Customer:** Let me look at the label. Here it is. It's a combination of wool and cotton.

**Friend:** You know... I like its classic style but maybe you need something more elegant. How much does it cost?

**Customer:** Oh! Look at the price tag! It's 50% off...

**Friend:** That's a good deal! You HAVE TO try it on. Look at this other black and white dress. It's made of silk and its style is also very classic. Isn't it chic?

**Customer:** Yes, it is. I will try this dress on too. Help me find a medium and a large. How much does it cost?

**Friend:** It costs \$150.00.

**Customer:** Wow! That's a lot! But I like it so I will try it on. Let's go to the fitting room.

**Friend:** Okay.

**Dialogue C:** At the cash register...

**Salesclerk:** Did you find everything you need?

**Customer:** Yes, I did, thank you.

**Salesclerk:** Your total is \$238.50.

**Customer:** \$238.50? There must be a mistake! The blue dress was on sale...

**Salesclerk:** Let me check that for you. Oh! Yes! You are right. This blue dress is 50% off. Your total is \$175.00 plus \$12.25 tax. This comes out to \$187.25.  
How would you like to pay for it?

**Customer:** I want to use my store credit card. Here it is.

**Salesclerk:** Thank you. Please sign this receipt. One copy is yours and one copy is ours.

**Customer:** Thank you. By the way, what's your refund policy?

**Salesclerk:** You can return merchandise for a full refund with the sales receipt within thirty days of purchase.

**Customer:** Oh! I see. Thanks for the information. Bye.

**Salesclerk:** No problem. Have a nice day.

**Dialogue D:** Applying for a credit card at the Customer Service Desk.

**Salesclerk:** Good morning. How may I help you?

**Customer:** Good morning. I'd like to apply for a store credit card.

**Salesclerk:** Certainly. Here is the application form. Fill it out and return it to us at your convenience.

**Customer:** Thanks. Please tell me, what's the annual interest rate of the card?

**Salesclerk:** 10%.

**Customer:** Really? That is quite high! Some interest rates are at 2% now.

**Salesclerk:** Yes, but those cards are usually not store credit cards.

**Customer:** Oh! I see. Thanks for your help.

**Salesclerk:** You're welcome.

**EXERCISE II:** Work with a partner. Write a shopping dialogue. Practice your dialogue. Present the dialogue to the class.

## IV - VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR QUIZ

Total: 50 points.

### Section I – VOCABULARY (2 points each)

- A. Give the definition of each word or words.
- B. Write a sentence with each word.

1. Layaway:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Refund:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Clearance:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Fitting room

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Annual interest rate:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

6. A good deal:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Merchandise:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Minimum payment due:

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Store credit card:

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Bargain hunting

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section II – GRAMMAR (2 points each)**

Please insert the correct form of the comparative adjective.

1. Yellow is (bright) \_\_\_\_\_ black.
2. Plastic is (cheap) \_\_\_\_\_ gold.
3. Silk is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ polyester.
4. Size medium is (large) \_\_\_\_\_ size small.
5. Bargain hunters find (good) \_\_\_\_\_ deals \_\_\_\_\_ other people.
6. Black is (elegant) \_\_\_\_\_ blue.
7. This polyester skirt is (tacky) \_\_\_\_\_ the silk one.
8. Shopping over the Internet is (fun) \_\_\_\_\_ shopping at a store.
9. Reading a care label is (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ reading a chemistry book.
10. Tennis shoes are (comfortable) \_\_\_\_\_ sandals.
11. These bags are (pretty) \_\_\_\_\_ those.
12. The service at this store is (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ at that one.
13. These accessories are (ugly) \_\_\_\_\_ those.
14. This jacket feels a bit (comfortable) \_\_\_\_\_ this other one.
15. Getting comfortable shoes is (important) \_\_\_\_\_ getting pretty shoes.

## V - FIND SOMEONE WHO...

Get up and mingle with students in the class. Ask students a question from the list. If they answer “yes”, write their name down and go speak to another student. If they answer “no” go speak to another student. The goal is to find a name for each question. Make sure you interact IN ENGLISH ONLY!

1. Likes to go bargain hunting \_\_\_\_\_
2. Buys expensive clothes \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has a store credit card \_\_\_\_\_
4. Puts clothes on layaway \_\_\_\_\_
5. Shops around for items on sale. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Knows what the “Refund Policy” is at Walmart. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Gets credit cards with low annual interest rates. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Goes on “English only” shopping trips. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Shops for clothes over the Internet. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has an allergy to wool or polyester. \_\_\_\_\_

## **VI - COMMUNITY EXTENSION HOMEWORK**

The purpose of the following assignments is to transfer the English speaking activities practiced in class to the real world. Students are encouraged to go out and explore the verbal and cultural aspects of the American shopping world.

### **A – Go to a store and do the following:**

1. Go to the Customer Service desk and request an application for a store credit card.
2. Speak to a salesclerk. Ask about an article of clothing (sizes/colors/materials).
3. Engage the salesclerk in a dialogue. Ask about the location of the fitting rooms.
4. Have a “Language Log” notebook with you. Discover 3 new words, look them up in the dictionary, and be prepared to share them with the class.

### **B - Written homework assignment: Write about your experience**

Where did you go?

What did you ask for?

What questions did the salesclerk ask you?

How did you answer these questions?

Did you understand the directions to the fitting room?

Did practicing in class beforehand make you feel more confident?

### **C. Bring your paper to class. Be ready to talk about your experience.**