



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Buying Clothes for a Wedding

Topic: Clothes Shopping

Level: Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

Imagine you are living with a host family in a country where the language is spoken. Your host brother is getting married, and you need to buy clothes to wear to the wedding.

- List the words for clothing in the target language. Write down colors in the target language as well. Practice saying these out loud.
- Write down what type of clothing you would like to buy for the wedding. You need to find out what type of store or market you should go to for that type of clothing.
- Create a dialogue between you and a shopkeeper in a store where you go to buy clothes for the wedding. (This could be a market stall, a department store, a tailor's shop, etc. depending on what is typical in that country.)
- Practice the conversation out loud. Play both roles, the customer shopping for clothing and the shopkeeper trying to convince the customer to purchase certain items.

Practice in Conversation Session

- Practice saying the words for different types of clothing and colors in the target language. Your conversation partner will correct your pronunciation if necessary.
- Discuss with your conversation partner what types of clothing people usually wear to weddings.
- Do a role play where you go to buy clothes for a wedding. Your conversation partner will play the role of the shopkeeper. If bargaining is appropriate in this context, make sure to include that in the role play.
- Switch roles and repeat the role play. Now your conversation partner will play the role of the customer and you will be the shopkeeper.