Elementary English for Tourism and Hospitality

LESSON 11 – Shopping

STUDY NOTES

Characters
Mona: Guest
Mai: Shop Assistant

The story
Mona is shopping for a shawl. She is helped by the shop assistant, Mai.

Grammar – It is (it’s) or They are (they’re)
We use “it is” or “it’s”, when referring to a single item. “They are” or “they’re”, is used for two or more items or plural nouns. The following nouns are all plural in English. Some Australian slang, (informal language) has also been included.

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<td>bathing costume</td>
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Language Practice - Describing goods
There are a number of ways you can describe goods. Below are some examples that use “it is” and “they are”. Read them out loud.

A: What is the fabric used in the shawl?
B: It’s one hundred per cent cotton.

A: Why are the pyjamas so expensive?
B: They’re pure silk.

A: Why are the shoes so expensive?
B: They are handmade.

A: Do these ties come in different colours?
B: Yes, they come in blue, green or red.
EXERCISES

1. Key vocabulary
Look up the meaning and pronunciation of these words in your dictionary.

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<td>price</td>
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<td>shawl</td>
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<td>silk</td>
<td>(to) suit</td>
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2. Language Practice – It is (it’s) or They are (they’re)
Read the following key words and write a question and a response. Use “It’s” or “They’re” in your answers.

Example: how / shawl / $55.50

How much is the shawl? It’s $55.50.

1. how / watch / $80

___________________________________________________________________________

2. how / sunglasses / $60

___________________________________________________________________________

3. how / bathers / $130

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3. Vocabulary
Choose a word from the box above to complete each of the sentences. When you have checked your answers, say them out loud.

1. It’s a _________ shawl. Is it pure silk?

2. The shoes are very comfortable. They are _________________.

3. You can _____ them on, if you like. They’re one hundred per cent cotton.

4. Those sunglasses ______ you better. They’re the right colour.

4. The Chant
Practise saying this chant out loud.

Have you got
Have you got
Have you got one in blue?

Here you are
Here you are
That colour suits you