

Shopping for clothes • phrasal verbs • clothes • adjectives • personality

1 Read the text quickly. Who do you think is in the photo?

- A Megan and her boyfriend
B Henry and his girlfriend
C Steven and his girlfriend

Shopping and you



There is a popular idea that girls love shopping for clothes. They **shop around** for bargains all day. They **try on** clothes that they don't really want. Finally, they buy a lot of clothes but they don't keep them all. The next week, they **take back** the things they don't like and start all over again! Boys, on the other hand, buy the first thing they see which fits them. Then they don't enter a clothes shop again until their clothes **wear out** or they **grow out of** them, whichever happens first.

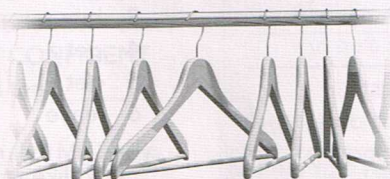
Is this true or not? We asked you for your own true-life experiences and here are a few of your replies.

Megan, aged 17, Bristol

In my opinion, it's totally true. I hate shopping for clothes with my boyfriend. ¹___ He has two ways of reacting when I try on things. At first, he is too honest. He reacts with horror or makes jokes about the clothes I choose. Then, when he gets more bored, he says that everything is great or wonderful. Also, he has no idea about what is fashionable. I buy him things which are a little more elegant but he doesn't wear them. He's slim and looks good in close-fitting jeans but he prefers very loose clothes. Oh well, at least he's got a great personality!

Steven, aged 16, Leicester

The idea that boys don't like shopping for clothes is really old-fashioned. Boys now are not like boys from the 1980's. ²___ They don't all wear shabby clothes. A lot of them want to look nice. What's your next article going to be about? Why don't young people buy video tapes anymore? Most of us live in the 21st century. Come and join us. It's great here!



Henry, aged 18, Bath

I love shopping with my girlfriend. We shop in places with a good choice of clothes for men and women. That way, we can both try things on at the same time. My girlfriend helps me a lot. She understands colours better than I do. She can see immediately what goes with what and which colours look wrong together. She also finds things that match my personality. ³___ I **hang up** the clothes she doesn't want and **put back** dresses, skirts and T-shirts in the right place. It's true! She's much more untidy than I am.

GLOSSARY


bargain (n) – something you can buy cheaply or for less than its usual price; okazja cenowa

video tapes (n, pl) – special plastic boxes containing a length of tape that you can record sound and pictures on; kasety wideo

join (us) (v) – to begin to take part in an activity that other people are involved in; przyłączyć się, przyłącz się (do nas)

immediately (adv) – at once; natychmiast

match (v) – look attractive together because they are a similar colour, pattern etc.; pasować pod względem kolorystycznym, wzoru, itp.

2  Read the text again. Complete gaps 1–3 in the text with sentences A–E. There are two extra sentences.

- A They spend more on cosmetics than girls and they care just as much about their appearance.
B In return, I help her.
C They rarely go shopping together because it causes too many arguments.
D He is always bored and totally unhelpful.
E He never goes shopping with me.