

Conversation Class for Beginners

10. 10-Minute One-on-One English Conversation Class for a Level 5 Beginner

Lesson Topic: Shopping in English

Lesson Format: Guided Discussion + Interactive Role-Play + Vocabulary Game

Objective:

- *Teach the Mentee how to shop in English in an Indian context.*
- *Use real-life situations such as shopping for grocery, stationery, books, clothes, etc.*
- *Encourage confident and clear communication.*
- *Grammar Focus: Adjectives – size, descriptive, comparative. These can be indicated during the conversation practice. They are marked out in bold letters below for easier identification.*

1. Warm-Up (2 Minutes) – Quick Discussion

Mentor: "Do you like to go to the market?"

Mentee: *(Responds)*

Mentor: *(If Mentee response is yes)* "What do you go to buy?"

(If Mentee is response is no) "Why don't you like going to the market?"

Mentor: "Where do you usually buy clothes in your city?"

Mentee: *(Responds)*

Mentor: "Great! Today, we will practice conversations about shopping, in English."

2. Vocabulary Introduction (2 Minutes) – Common Words for Shopping

Types of Clothing: Shirt, T-shirt, jeans, dress, jacket, shoes, sandals, scarf, trousers, slippers, socks

Sizes & Fit: Small, medium, large, loose, comfortable

Shopping Questions:

- "Do you have this in a **larger** size?"
- "How much does this cost?"

- "Can I try this on?"

3. Role-Play (4 Minutes) – Shopping Conversation Practice

Scenario 1: Buying a T-Shirt at a Store

Mentor (as shop assistant): "Hello! How can I help you today?"

Mentee: "Hi! I'm looking for a T-shirt."

Mentor: "What colour would you like?"

Mentee: "Blue, please."

Mentor: "We have this one in **blue**. Would you like to try it?"

Mentee: "Yes, where is the **trial** room?"

Mentor: "It's over there. Let me know if you need a **different** size."

(Switch roles and repeat.)

4. Game Time (2 Minutes) – Shopping Challenge!

- *The Mentor describes a clothing item ("I am wearing something **blue**, made of cotton, and it has buttons.")*
- *The Mentee guesses the item (e.g., "Is it a shirt?")*
- *Reverse roles and play again!*

5. Reinforcement & Homework

✓ Practice in class:

- "How will you purchase a notebook from a stationery shop, speaking in English?"
- "How will you purchase cake or some namkeen from a food shop?"

✓ Homework:

Ask the mentee to record, in English, an imaginary situation of buying a textbook from a book shop. Ask them to play it back in the next class.