

21. Finding a Hobby



1.

Rosalie: I'm bored. I think I need a hobby.

Phil: What about autograph collecting?

Rosalie: You mean running after celebrities and begging them to sign a book or something? Isn't that really stupid?

Phil: No way! It's a lot of fun.

2.

Candy: I'm thinking of taking up skydiving. Do you think that's a good hobby?

Carl: I imagine so. But..., well, it's just that it's so dangerous. If you ask me, bowling is better.

Candy: How dreadful! Rolling a ball down an alley in a smoky room.

Carl: You know what they say, "Different strokes for different folks"?

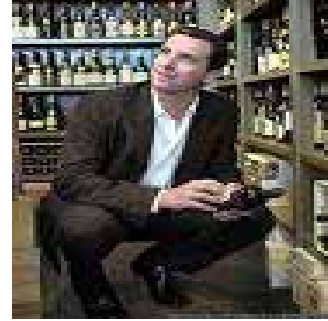


Homework

1. What do you usually do during your free time?
2. What do you think is the most expensive hobby?
3. Can you explain this phrase? "Different strokes for different folks"
4. What is the meaning of the word "dreadful"?



22. Buying Wine



1.

Gary: We're having some people over for the holidays, and I've got to buy some wine. I never know what to get, though.

Glen: How awful! Buying wine is not so difficult, you know. You just learn how to read a wine label.

Gary: You don't say! That easy, eh?

Glen: That's right. Have a nice holiday, Gary.

2.

Salesclerk: [offering glass of red wine]
Would you care to try some of our wines?
We have a wide selection.

[holding bottle]
This one is wonderful.

Customer: [taking sip]
You said it!

Salesclerk: It looks like you and that wine have really hit it off.
And you're in luck: it's on sale today.

Customer: I'd like a case, please.



Homework

1. How often do you drink wine?
2. What is your favorite wine?
3. Do you have a wide selection of wine?
4. Did you ever experience being drunk?



23. In Fashion



1.

【Zelda is in a fitting room.】

Salesclerk: Hold still while I get the length. This is a beautiful dress. Satin is all the rage now.

Zelda: I like it, but the waist seems a little tight. I think I've put on some weight.

Salesclerk: No, that's the way it's supposed to be.

Zelda: I don't think so. It feels really uncomfortable.



Homework

1. What do you mean by this phrase?
“ I've put on some weight”.
2. What will you do if the cloth that you like the most doesn't fit you?
Will you still buy it? Why?
3. What kind of cloth do you usually buy? Why?



24. In Fashion



1.

Ann: Will you help me?

Salesclerk: With pleasure. What are you looking for?

Ann: Something that will break the ice at the next party I attend, a real conversation starter.

Salesclerk: How about this designer bag that says, "This is not a counterfeit." It's really fashionable, too.



Homework

1. What comes into your mind upon hearing the expression “to break the ice”?
2. How often do you buy clothes?
3. What do mean by this phrase "This is not a counterfeit" ?
4. What do you consider in buying clothes? (color, price, quality)



25. Takeout Food



1.

Husband: Let's eat out tonight.

Wife: No go. I'm tired of bad service.
Let's have takeout Chinese, instead.

Husband: I wouldn't say no to that.

You know I can't resist Mr. Chen's dumplings.

Wife: Well, let's step on it. I'm hungry.

2.

Man at Counter: Welcome to Vegetarian Valhalla. What would you like?

Jeff: My mind's a total blank today. It's, on the tip of my tongue.

Man at Counter: Was it a tofu burger you were thinking of?

Jeff: You took the words right out of my mouth.



Homework

1. Site some reasons why customers order food for take out.
2. How often do you eat in a restaurant?
3. What food do you usually order for takeout?

