

Shopping Chaos

Level: Intermediate & Up

Objective: Relative clauses
Shopping vocabulary

Video: Black Friday 2008 Walmart

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lt_TgVkJZfvI&feature=related

Plan: In the previous class you should tell the students to all bring in a couple articles of old clothing for today's lesson.

Show the video and ask students what is going on. If you can't play the video, just ask students about big sales in Turkey. Ask them if people ever get in fights (at big sales, this does happen from time to time in Turkey).

Ask students to tell a partner about the best deal they ever got on something.

Hand out the reading with blanks and have the students fit the correct relative clause into the blanks.

Go over the answers.

Now tell the students that they are in a Mango or some other famous store and that there is a big sale going on today. Last time the store had a big sale 3 people were injured, so this time customers will have to ask to receive their merchandise.

Assign a couple of students to be shop assistants. Pull a table or couple desks together for them to stand behind and put the clothes the students have brought in behind them.

The other students need to purchase the clothes. Everyone should be trying to buy clothes at the same time. Only the shop assistants can hand over the clothes. The students must ask for articles of clothing using relative clause structures (i.e. I want the purple shirt with the big hole on the sleeve.) Instruct the shop assistants to only hand over clothes if a relative clause is used and it's used correctly. If an incorrect sentence is produced the shop assistant must turn to help a different customer. The student with the most clothes at the end wins.

A more organized way to do this is to create teams. Choose two shop assistants and make 3 teams. One person from each team runs up to get an article of clothing. If they make an incorrect sentence when the shop assistant turns to them they have to go back and the next person in line goes up.

For an added bit of fun, someone from each team must actually wear the clothes that are acquired as well (if it doesn't fit they can put it on their hand or head or something).

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4:00AM Saturday Dec 27, 2008

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Aux. Vocab. – Necessary – madness, to overflow, to tempt, unprecedented, a figure
Unnecessary – a verge, to overhear
Context – to scramble, to battle, exhausted, to clutch, stock, a mob, a turnover

Answer Key – Relative Clauses (Total 7)

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