

## The Compulsive Shopper

### Discussion

1. What do you think it will be about?
2. Are you a compulsive shopper?
3. Why do people shop?
4. When do you know you're a compulsive shopper?
5. What tricks can you use to save money when shopping?
6. What do you see in the picture?
7. What do you think she did that day?

(Questions with vocabulary words)

8. What type of store do you often see mannequins in the windows?
9. Which store appears in pretty much every shopping center?
10. Where do you find dirt cheap clothes?
11. Do you think that Nike shoes are to die for
12. What is the first thing that catches your eye when you enter a store?
13. Can you describe a shallow person?
14. Are your parents wealthy?
15. Are you in debt?

### Comprehension of the text

Paragraph 1

What does Ms. Parera think before entering the clothing store?

Paragraph 2

Does she have a lot of clothes?

For how long could she not wear the same clothes?

Paragraph 3

What trick does she use if she regrets buying an item?

What item did she recently regret buying?

Paragraph 4

Does she make a lot of money?

Is she in debt because of her addiction?

Paragraph 5

Does she buy expensive clothes?

Paragraph 6

What is the formula that she uses when buying a clothing item?

What item can she make an exception if it is very expensive?

Paragraph 7

How does she see herself?

## Free exchange

1. What do you think of Ms. Parera's life style?
2. Are you like Ms. Parera? Why or why not?
3. Ask me if I am like Ms. Parera.

## Answer key

### Comprehension of the text

#### Paragraph 1

-What does Pareira think before entering the clothing store?

She does not need anything and she will not buy unless it is too fabulous to leave behind.

#### Paragraph 2

-Does she have a lot clothes?

Yes, she has a lot of clothes.

-How long could she not wear the same clothes for ?

She could go two months without wearing the same clothes.

#### Paragraph 3

-What trick does she use if she regrets buying an item?

She leaves the tags on the item.

-What item did she recently regret buying?

She regretted buying a full-body jumpsuit.

#### Paragraph 4

-Does she make a lot of money?

She makes a little over minimum wage.

-Is she in debt because of her addiction?

No, she is not in debt.

#### Paragraph 5

-Does she buy expensive clothes?

No, she buys bargain clothes.

#### Paragraph 6

-What is the formula that she uses when buying a clothing item?

She calculates how many times she has to wear it to get her money's worth.

-What item can she make an exception if it is very expensive?

If the item is really beautiful, then she will pay a lot depending on how obsessed she is with it.

#### Paragraph 7

-How does she not see herself?

She does not see herself like a shallow person.