

Chinese Lesson: Shopping for Clothes - Speak Chinese Fluently

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Dialogue

Huānyíng guānglín!

A: 欢迎 光临!

Welcome to our store!

Nǐ hǎo!

B: 你好!

Hello.

Nín hǎo, qǐng wèn yǒu shénme kěyǐ bāng nín de ma?

A: 您好, 请问有什么可以帮您的吗?

Hi there. Is there anything I can help you with?

Wǒ xiǎng kànkàn qúnzi.

B: 我想看看裙子。

I'd like to take a look at some dresses.

Hǎo de, nín kànkàn zhè tiáo zěnmeyàng?

A: 好的, 您看看这条怎么样?

No problem. Do you like this one?

Zhè tiáo qúnzi yǒu qítā de yánsè ma?

B: 这条裙子有其他的颜色吗?

Do you have this one in other colors?

Yǒu de, hái yǒu hóngsè de hé huángsè de.

A: 有的, 还有红色的和黄色的。

Yes, it also comes with red and yellow.

Nà máfan bāng wǒ lái tiáo hóngsè de ba. Yǒu zhōnghào de ma?

B: 那麻烦帮我来条红色的吧。有中号的吗?

Please give me a red one. Do you have it in medium?

Yǒu de, gěi nín.

A: 有的, 给您。

Yes. Here you go.

Xiè xie.

B: 谢谢。

Thanks.

Qǐng wèn shìyījiān zài nǎr?

B: 请问试衣间在哪儿?

Where is the fitting room?

Zài zhèbiān, wǒ dài nín qù ba.

A: 在这边, 我带您去吧。

It's over here. Follow me, please.

Hǎo de.

B: 好的。

OK.

Wā, zhè tiáo qúnzi hěn shìhé nín, érqǐě hóngsè shì jīnnián zuì liúxíng de yánsè.

A: 哇, 这条裙子很适合您, 而且红色是今年最流行的颜色。

Wow, this dress really suits you, and red is the popular color of this year.

Nà wǒ jiù yào zhè tiáo ba. Duōshaoqián ?

B: 那我就这条吧。多少钱?

Then I'll take this one. How much is it?

A: ¥568.

568RMB.

Yǒudiǎn guì, kěyǐ dǎzhé ma?

B: 有点贵, 可以打折吗?

It's a bit expensive. Can you give me a discount?

Bùhǎoyìsi, zhè shì jīnnián de xīnpǐn bù dǎzhé.

A: 不好意思, 这是今年的新品不打折。

Sorry. We can't do that for the new arrivals.

Nà hǎo ba. Bāng wǒ bāoqǐlai ba.

B: 那好吧。帮我包起来吧。

All right. Would you wrap it up for me?

Hǎo de.

A: 好的。

No problem.

Qǐng wèn nín shì shuā kǎ háishì xiànjīn?

A: 请问您是刷卡还是现金?

Do you pay by credit card or cash?

Sǎo Wēixìn ba. Wǒ sǎo nǐ háishì nǐ sǎo wǒ?

B: 扫微信吧。我扫你还是你扫我?

Let's pay by WeChat. Should I scan you or you scan me?

Wǒ sǎo nín.

A: 我扫您。

Let me scan you.

Zhè shì nín de yīfu hé xiǎopiào, qǐng náhǎo. Huānyíng xiàcì guānglín.

A: 这是您的衣服和小票，请拿好。欢迎下次光临。

This is your dress and the receipt. I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

Xièxie, zài jiàn.

B: 谢谢，再见。

Thanks, goodbye.

Zài jiàn.

A: 再见。

Goodbye.

Explanation

1. When buying clothes, the salesperson usually says these to you:

Huānyíng guānglín, qǐng suíyì xuǎngòu.

(1) 欢迎 光临, 请 随意 选购。

Welcome to our store.

Qǐng wèn yǒu shénme kěyǐ bāng nín de ma?

(2) 请 问 有 什么 可以 帮 您 的 吗?

What can I do for you?

Qǐng wèn yǒu shénme kěyǐ bāng nín?

(3) 请 问 有 什么 可以 帮 您?

Is there anything I can help you with?

2. If you aren't buying any clothes, just say:

Bú yòng le, xièxie. Wǒ jiù suíbiàn kànkàn.

(1) 不用了, 谢谢。我 就 随便 看看。

No, thanks. I'm just looking around.

If you want to buy some clothes, then you can say these to the salesperson:

Wǒ xiǎng kànkàn qúnzi.

(1) 我 想 看看 裙子。

I'd like to take a look at some dresses.

Fēngyī zài nǎbiān?

(2) 风衣 在 哪边?

Do you have trench coats?

Nǐmen jiā yǒu chènshān ma?

(3) 你们 家 有 衬衫 吗?

Do you have shirts(or blouses)?

Tip: to say different clothes in Mandarin.

chènshān	máoyī	qúnzi	kù zi
衬衫	毛衣	裙子	裤子
shirt(blouse)	sweater	dress	pants
fēngyī	jiākè	T xù	
风衣	夹克	T 恤	
trench coat	jacket	T-shirt	

3. If you want to know if a piece of clothing comes with other colors, then you can say:

Qǐng wèn zhè jiàn chènshān yǒu báisè de ma?

(1) 请问这件衬衫有白色的吗?

Do you have this shirt(blouse) in white?

Bùhǎoyìsi, zhè tiáo kùzi yǒuméiyǒu lán sè de?

(2) 不好意思, 这条裤子有没有蓝色的?

Excuse me. Do you have this pair of pants in blue?

Nǐ hǎo, zhè jiàn T xù hái yǒu qítā de yánsè ma?

(3) 你好, 这件T恤还有其他的颜色吗?

Hello, do you have this T-shirt in other colors?

Tip: to say different colors in Chinese.

hóngsè	báisè	hēisè	lánsè
红色	白色	黑色	蓝色
red	white	black	blue
lǜsè	huángsè	fěnsè	
绿色	黄色	粉色	
green	yellow	pink	

Note that when asking a question to others, we should say these first:

Nǐ hǎo,.....?

(1) 你好,.....?

Hello, ...?

Bùhǎoyìsi,?

(2) 不好意思,.....?

Excuse me, ...?

Qǐng wèn,.....?

(3) 请问,.....?

Excuse me, may I ask...?

4. To ask the size of a dress, we can say:

Qǐng wèn, zhè jiàn yīfu yǒu L hào de ma?

(1) 请问, 这件衣服有L号的吗?

Do you have this dress in L?

Qǐng wèn, zhè jiàn yīfu yǒu dàhào de ma?

(2) 请问, 这件衣服有大号的吗?

Do you have this dress in L?

Zhè jiàn yīfu yǒu dà mǎ de ma?

(3) 这件衣服有大码的吗?

Do you have this dress in L?

Qǐng wèn, yǒu wǒ chuān de hào ma?

(4) 请问, 有我穿的号吗?

Do you have my size?

Tip: to say different sizes in Chinese:

jiǎxiǎohào	xiǎohào	zhōnghào
加小号	小号	中号
Extra Small (XS)	Small (S)	Medium (M)
dàhào	jiādàhào	
大号	加大号	
Large (L)	Extra large (XL)	

5. The difference between the word “穿” and “戴”.

chuān

穿 to wear, to put on

chuān yīfu	chuān kùzi	chuān wàzi	chuān xiézi
穿 衣服	穿 裤子	穿 袜子	穿 鞋子
chuān clothes	chuān pants	chuān socks	chuān shoes

dài

戴 to wear, to put on (glasses, hat, gloves etc)

dài xiàngliàn	dài shǒubiǎo	dài màozi
戴 项链	戴 手表	戴 帽子
dài necklace	dài watch	dài hat

Note that we normally use “**chuān**” for non-accessories and use “**dài**” for accessories.

6. If you don't know where the fitting room is, you can ask the salesperson:

Qǐng wèn, shìyījiān zài nǎr?

(1) 请 问, 试衣间 在 哪儿?

Where is the fitting room?

Qǐng wèn, shìyījiān zěnmē zǒu?

(2) 请 问, 试衣间 怎么 走?

Where is the fitting room?

7. If the salesperson is not busy, she might take you to the fitting room, in this case , she usually says:

Shìyījiān zài zhèbiān, wǒ dài nín qù ba.

(1) 试衣间 在 这边, 我 带 您 去 吧。

The fitting room is over here. Follow me, please.

Nín zhèbiān qǐng.

(2) 您 这边 请。

This way, please.

If the salesperson is busy, she will just tell you where the fitting room is.

Yízhí zǒu, shìyījiān jiù zài nǐ de yòushǒu biān.

(1) 一直 走, 试衣间 就 在 你 的 右 手 边。

Go straight, it's on your right hand.

Shìyījiān zài lóushàng.

(2) 试衣间 在 楼上。

The fitting room is upstairs.

Shìyījiān zài lóuxià.

(3) 试衣间 在 楼下。

The fitting room is downstairs.

8. When trying on clothes, if you don't think the color or size looks good on you, and you'd like to try another one, then you can say these to the salesperson:

Zhè jiàn yánsè tài àn le, kěyǐ bāng wǒ ná jiàn báisè de ma?

(1) 这 件 颜 色 太 暗 了, 可 以 帮 我 拿 件 白 色 的 吗?

This colour looks too dark. Could you give me a white one?

Zhè tiáo qúnzi yǒudiǎn xiǎo, yǒuméiyǒu dà yí hào de.

(2) 这 条 裙 子 有 点 小, 有 没 有 大 一 号 的。

This dress is a bit too small. Do you have a larger one?

9. If the salesperson is not sure if they have the color or size that you want, she will say:

Shāo děng, wǒ bāng nín kàn yíxià.

(1) 稍 等, 我 帮 您 看 一 下。

Wait a second, let me go check for you.

If she knows they have your color or size, then she will say:

Shāo děng, wǒ qù bāng nín ná.

(1) 稍 等, 我 去 帮 您 拿。

Wait a second, I'll go get it for you.

If they don't have your color or size, the salesperson normally says:

Bùhǎoyìsi, hēisè de yǐjīng màiwán le.

(1) 不 好 意 思, 黑 色 的 已 经 卖 完 了。

Sorry, the black one is sold out.

Bùhǎoyìsi, méiyǒu dà mǎ de le. Nín kěyǐ shìshì qítā de kuǎn.

(2) 不 好 意 思, 没 有 大 码 的 了。您 可 以 试 试 其 他 的 款。

Sorry, we don't have any L ones left. Would you like to try another style?

10. After trying on clothes, if you don't like it and want to leave, you can say these to the salesperson:

Zhè jiàn yīfu wǒ chuānqǐlai bú tài hǎo kàn, wǒ zài kànkān ba.

(1) 这 件 衣 服 我 穿 起 来 不 太 好 看, 我 再 看 看 吧。

This dress doesn't look good on me.

Zhè jiàn yīfu bú tài héshì, wǒ zài kànkān.

(2) 这 件 衣 服 不 太 合 适, 我 再 看 看。

This dress doesn't suit me.

If you want to ask the price, you can say:

Zhè ge duōshaoqián?

(1) 这个多少钱?

How much is it?

Zhè tiáo qúnzi duōshaoqián?

(2) 这条裙子多少钱?

How much is the dress?

If you want to bargain, you can say:

Zhè jiàn yīfu hái néng piányi diǎn ma?

(1) 这件衣服还能便宜点吗?

Can you give me a better price for this dress?

Nǐ kěyǐ gěi wǒ dǎ ge zhé ma?

(2) 你可以给我打个折吗?

Can you give me a discount?

Hái kěyǐ zài yōuhuì diǎn ma?

(3) 还可以再优惠点吗?

Can you go any lower?

Note that you can bargain in some stores, but you can't do that at shopping malls.

11. You can't bargain at a shopping mall. If you do that, the salesperson will say:

Bùhǎoyìsi, běn diàn bù jiǎng jià.

(1) 不好意思, 本店不讲价。

Sorry, we don't do bargaining.

During holidays, shopping malls will give customers discounts, so the salesperson usually says:

Jīntiān zài běn diàn xiāofèi, mǎn 500 jiǎn 50.

(1) 今天在本店消费, 满 500 减 50.

You can buy 500 get 50 off today.

Rúguǒ nǐ yǒu huìyuánkǎ, kěyǐ dǎ jiǔwǔ zhé.

(2) 如果你有会员卡，可以打九五折。

If you have a membership card, we can give you a 5% discount.

You can bargain at a smaller store. If the owner can give you a discount, then he/she might say:

Hǎo ba, gěi nǐ piányi 30 kuài.

(1) 好吧，给你便宜30块。

Alright, you can get a 30 yuan discount.

Hǎo ba, wǒ gěi nǐ dǎ bā zhé.

(2) 好吧，我给你打八折。

Alright, you can get a 20% discount.

Tip: If you bargain at a store, and the owner can't go any lower, in this case, you can just try leaving, then the owner will probably call you back and give you the best price.

Āi, huílai ba, huílai ba, gěi nǐ ba.

(1) 哎，回来吧，回来吧，给你吧。

OK, OK. You can take it.

12. Lastly, we need to pay the bill. We can pay by WeChat, Alipay, cash, or credit card.

Wǒ kěyǐ shuā kǎ ma?

(1) 我可以刷卡吗？

Can I pay by credit card?

Wǒ yòng Wēixìn fù ba.

(2) 我用微信付吧。

Let me pay by WeChat.

Zhīfùbǎo, kěyǐ ma?

(3) 支付宝，可以吗？

Can I pay by Alipay?

13. If you pay by credit card, then you need to sign your name. The salesperson normally says:

Qǐng zài zhèlǐ qiān míng.

(1) 请 在 这 里 签 名。

Please sign your name here.

If you pay by WeChat or Alipay, then the salesperson will say:

Wǒ sǎo nín.

(1) 我 扫 您。

Let me scan you.

Qǐng nín sǎo zhèlǐ.

(2) 请 您 扫 这 里。

Please scan here.

After paying the bill, the salesperson usually says:

Zhè shì nín de xiǎo piào, qǐng ná hǎo.

(1) 这 是 您 的 小 票, 请 拿 好。

This is your receipt.

Huānyíng xià cì guānglín.

(2) 欢 迎 下 次 光 临。

I'm looking forward to seeing you again.