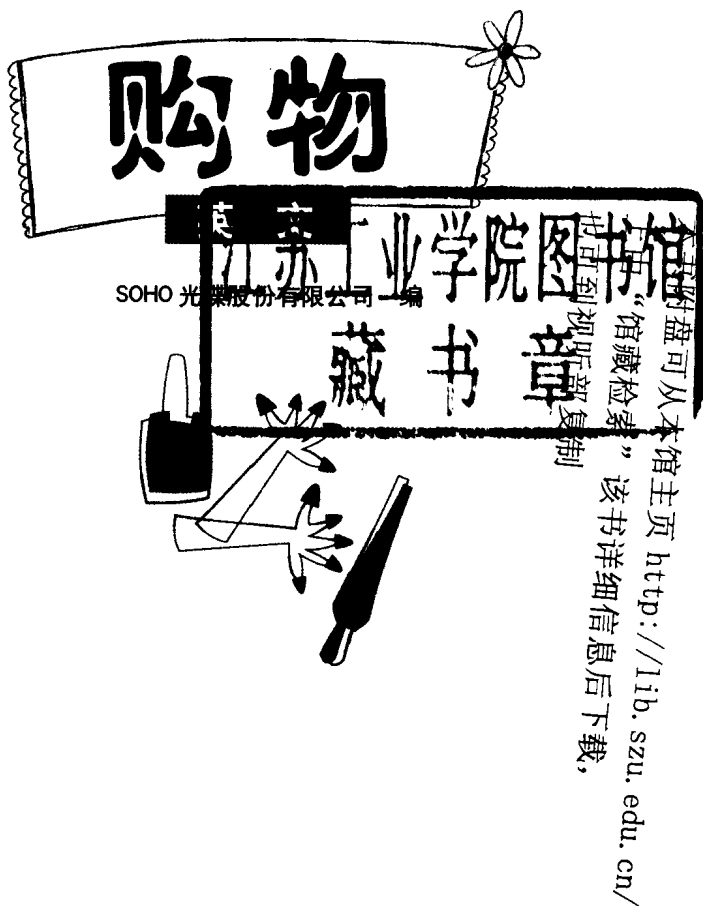


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I. Shopping At An Outlet

ELIZA: This place is great. I'm surprised they have so much.

JANE: Yes, but it takes a while to find things.

It's not *organized* as carefully as a regular store.

ELIZA: I never shopped in an *outlet* before. We don't have any in my hometown.

Why do they call it an "outlet"?

JANE: Sometimes a clothes company makes too many of one *item*.

They can't sell it all in their regular stores. So they send the *over-stock* to an outlet.

That's why they call it an "outlet".



It's a store that "let's out" *products* the company can't sell in regular stores.

ELIZA: And they have *faulty* products here too.

JANE : Yes. A "faulty product" may be a *shirt* that has some problem.

Or a pair of *pants* that is *ripped* a little.

Sometimes the *fault* is very small.

So it's a good deal to buy it.

Sometimes, if you have a *needle* and *thread*, you can *fix* it yourself.

ELIZA: I like to *sew*, so that's easy for me.

I think it's a really good deal.

Some of these shirts have only one tiny mistake on them.

JANE : I know.

So it's a good idea to shop in an outlet sometimes. You can save a lot of money.



ELIZA: That's great for me.

Now that Steve and I have the baby, we want to save as much as we can.

CASHIER: Cash or credit, Ma'am?

ELIZA: Credit.

JANE: Wow! How many of those *sweat-shirts* are you buying?

ELIZA: I have six here.

JANE: Six? Why do you need so many?

ELIZA: They're such a good deal.

I'm buying one for Steve, one for his brother Rick, one for my dad, two for my sisters, and one for me.

JANE: You really know how to use an outlet store!

ELIZA: I ought to make the most of it while I'm here, don't you think?

JANE: Sure. You're smart.



a pair of

一对,一双,一副

I bought a pair of new sunglasses.

我买了一副新的太阳眼镜。

ought to

必须,应该

He ought to arrive by the time.

他应该要到了。

make the most of

尽量利用

Everyone should make the most of time.

每个人都应该充分利用时间。

organized ['ɔ:ɡənəɪzd] (*adj.*) 有组织的,
有系统的

outlet ['aʊt,let] (*n.*) 出口,销售对象

item ['aɪtəm] (*n.*) 项目

overstock ['əʊvə'stɒk] (*n.*) 存货过多

product ['prɒdəkt] (*n.*) 产物,产量,结果

faulty ['fɔ:lti] (*adj.*) 有过失的,该指
责的

shirt [ʃə:t] (*n.*) 衬衫,衬衣

pants [pænts] (*n.*) 裤,内裤

rip [rɪp] (*v.*) 撕裂,裂开

fault [fɔ:lt] (*n.*) 缺点,错误

needle ['ni:dl] (*n.*) 缝针,编织针

thread [θred] (*n.*) 线,条理

fix [fiks] (*v.*) 修理,使稳固

sew [seu] (*v.*) 缝,缝上

cashier [kæ'ʃiə] (*n.*) 出纳员

sweatshirt ['swet,ʃə:t] (*n.*) 运动衫,短袖
圆领紧身汗衫

ought [ɔ:t] (*v.*) 应当是,该是



KELLY: Yes, I would like to place an *order*.

DORIS: All right, Ma'am. What items would you like to order today?

KELLY: I have your *catalog* here.

Do you want me to tell you the item numbers, or the names?

DORIS: You may tell me both, Ma'am.

KELLY: All right. I want to order the *satin sheets* on page 34.

DORIS: The Merriman satin sheets?

KELLY: Yes, that's right.

DORIS: And what size would you like?

KELLY: I need one *full set* of sheets in *King-size*.

DORIS: All right, Ma'am. And what color did you want?

KELLY: *Ivory*, please.

DORIS: So that is product number MS3419. Size: King. Color: *Ivory*. Is that correct?

KELLY: Yes, I think so. Can I ask you something?

DORIS: Certainly.

KELLY: I'm a *foreigner* here. My English isn't *perfect*. Can you tell me what "satin" is?

DORIS: Satin is like *silk*, Ma'am. It feels like silk. But it's a different *material*.

KELLY: I see. That's what I thought.

DORIS: Anything else today?

KELLY: No, I just need the sheets.

DORIS: All right. With *shipping charges*, your *total* will be 78 dollars and 95 *cents*.

Will you be paying with credit?

KELLY: Yes.

DORIS: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express?



KELLY: Visa.

DORIS: Card number?

KELLY: 4923 5671 3622 9876.

DORIS: *Expiration date?*

KELLY: *Zero* nine, two-thousand-and-two.

DORIS: All right, Ma'am. I will run that charge for you.

And then I will get your address in a moment.

KELLY: Thank you.

order['ɔ:də](*n.*) 订单
 catalog['kætələg](*n.*) 目录
 satin['sætin](*n.*) 缎子
 sheet[ʃi:t](*n.*) 被单
 full[ful](*adj.*) 完全的, 饱满的
 set[set](*n.*) 组, 群, 套
 king-size['kiŋsaiz](*adj.*) 特大的, 特长的
 ivory['aivəri](*adj.*) 象牙的
 foreigner['fərinə](*n.*) 外国人
 perfect['pə:fikt](*adj.*) 完美无瑕的, 纯然的, 熟练的
 silk[silk](*n.*) 丝绸缎类
 material[mə'tiəriəl](*n.*) 材料, 原料
 shipping['ʃipiŋ](*n.*) 运送, 运输
 charge[tʃɑ:dʒ](*n.*) 费用
 total['təʊtəl](*adj.*) 总计的
 cent[sent](*n.*) 分(等于一美元的百分之一)
 expiration[ekspə'reiʃən](*n.*) 期满
 date[deɪt](*n.*) 日期
 zero['ziərəʊ](*adj.*) 零的



2. END OF VCR

SALESPERSON: May I help you, sir?

SIMON: Yes, I want to buy a *VCR*.

SALESPERSON: Well, we have many models to choose from here.

Do you have a particular *brand* you want?

SIMON: No. I only want it to be a very good one. The best.

It's a *graduation* gift for my son.

SALESPERSON: I see. And does your son have a *VCR* now?

SIMON: Well, he uses our *VCR* at home. But he's going to university in the Fall, so he needs his own *VCR*.

SALESPERSON: Does he watch a lot of movies?

SIMON: Yes, he sure does.

In fact, he wants to be a movie
producer himself.

He wants to study *film* at the uni-
versity.

SALESPERSON: I would like to make a
suggestion then, sir.

SIMON: Please do.

SALESPERSON: If your son wants to study
film, probably he will
start to *collect* movies
himself.

SIMON: Yes, I know that. So I want him
to have a good VCR to use.

SALESPERSON: May I suggest you *consid-
er* buying him a *DVD*
player *instead*?

SIMON: DVD? Isn't that like a *CD*?

SALESPERSON: It is very *similar*. The
technology is the same.

SIMON: Why is a DVD better than a
VCR?

SALESPERSON: For one thing, sir, the