

American English File
1.6 A New Shirt

Part 1 Preview & Background *Answer these questions before you watch the video.*

Preview Question: Who gives you the best advice on clothing and fashion?

What do you remember from the previous videos?

- Jenny is visiting (**London / New York**).
- (**Jenny / Rob**) spilled some coffee on (**Jenny / Rob**).
- They are going to buy (**another coffee / another shirt**).

Gist Question: Who is Jenny talking to on the phone?

Part 2 Comprehension *Answer the questions while or after you watch the video.*

1. Rob is looking for a size _____ shirt.
a) small b) medium c) large
2. Rob buys the shirt _____ trying it on.
a) after b) without
3. The shirt _____ £44.99.
a) costs b) pays c) is cost d) is paid
4. Jenny is talking to _____ on the phone.
a) Arnie b) Eddie c) Ollie
5. Jenny says London is _____.
a) cold b) cool c) crowded
6. Jenny says _____ very polite.
a) Rob is b) her coworkers are c) the people in London are
7. Eddie thinks Rob is Jenny's _____.
a) boss b) co-worker c) boyfriend
8. Eddie is probably Jenny's _____.
a) boss b) brother c) boyfriend d) husband
9. Jenny _____ Rob's shirt.
a) likes b) doesn't like

Part 3 Dialogue Practice Practice the dialogues with a partner. Replace the [highlighted] information with your own ideas.

Salesperson: Can I help you?

Customer: Yes. What size is this [shirt]?

Salesperson: Let's see. It's [a small]. What size do you need?

Customer: [A medium].

Salesperson: This is [a medium].

Customer: Thanks. Where can I try it on?

Salesperson: Oh, the changing rooms are over there.

Customer: Thank you.

Salesperson: How is it?

Customer: It's [fine]. How much is it?

Salesperson: It's [£44.99].

Customer: Here you are.

Salesperson: Thanks.

Part 4 Discussion

1. How do you think Jenny feels about Rob's shirt? Why?
↳ Use: **Clearly Jenny thinks Rob's shirt is...**
↳ Use: **She might feel... because...**
2. Are you good at choosing clothes for other people?
↳ Use: **Yes, I think I am because...**
↳ Use: **Not really. I usually...**
3. Who do you talk to on the phone most often?
↳ Use: **I often talk to...**
↳ Use: **Actually, I don't use the phone that much. I prefer...**
4. What movie director would you like to interview? Why?
↳ Use: **I'd love to interview ... because...**
↳ Use: **If I had the chance, I would interview ... because...**

Part 5 Sentence Building Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame (tenses).

E.g. Rob / want / buy / new / shirt

Rob wants to buy a new shirt.

1. Rob / hold / small / so / salesperson / give / him / medium
2. Rob / try / on / shirt / and / then / ask / how / much / it / cost
3. she / tell / him / it / cost / £44.99
4. meanwhile / Jenny / outside / talk / brother / phone
5. Jenny / say / coworker / very / polite
6. he / want / know / what / Jenny / do / right / now
7. Jenny / tell / him / she / wait / Rob
8. he / think / Rob / might / Jenny / new / boyfriend
9. when / Jenny / see / Rob / shirt / she / laugh / him
10. she / insist / he / can't / wear / shirt / interview
11. then / Jenny / offer / help / Rob / choose / different / shirt

Part 6 Grammar Check Choose the correct verb tense and decide why it is correct.

1. Rob (**lives / is living**) in London.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
2. Jenny (**visits / is visiting**) London.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
3. Right now, Rob (**shops / is shopping**).
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
4. He (**wants / is wanting**) a new shirt.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
5. He (**buys / is buying**) a new shirt.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
6. It (**costs / is costing**) 45 pounds.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
7. Rob (**likes / is liking**) the shirt.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
8. Jenny (**doesn't / isn't liking**) the shirt.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
9. Jenny (**talks / is talking**) to her brother on the phone.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
10. She (**talks / is talking**) to him every week.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
11. Jenny (**loves / is loving**) London.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
12. Her coworkers (**are / are being**) very polite.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
13. At the moment, she (**waits / is waiting**) for Rob.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]
14. Rob (**doesn't know / isn't knowing**) Eddie.
[Because: **an action now / a fact / a habit / a state verb**]

Script

Salesperson: Can I help you?

Rob: Yes. What size is this shirt?

Salesperson: Let's see. It's a small. What size (1) _____?

Rob: A medium.

Salesperson: This is a medium.

Rob: Thanks. Where can I try it on?

Salesperson: Oh, the changing rooms are over there.

Rob: Thank you.

Salesperson: How is it?

Rob: It's fine. How much (2) _____?

Salesperson: It's 44 pounds 99.

Eddie: So Jenny, what (3) _____ of London?

Jenny: I love it, Eddie. It's so cool.

Eddie: What about the people in the office?

Jenny: They're really nice, and they're very polite.

Eddie: What (4) _____ right now? You aren't in the office. I can hear traffic.

Jenny: Right now, I'm standing outside a men's clothing store.

Eddie: You're what?

Jenny: I (5) _____ for Rob.

Eddie: Who is Rob? Do you have a new boyfriend already?

Jenny: Don't be silly. He's just a guy from the office. He (6) _____ a new shirt.

Eddie: Wait a minute. So, you (7) _____ for a guy named Rob outside a men's clothing store?

Jenny: Stop it. I don't have time to explain it all now. Oh, here he is now. I have to go.

Eddie: Okay, have fun.

Jenny: Bye Eddie. Love you.

Rob: So? What (8) _____?

Jenny: You cannot be serious!

Rob: What's wrong? You don't like my new shirt?

Jenny: No way. You can't wear that to an interview. Come on. Let's go back into the store and change it.

Rob: Okay

Answers

Part 2

1. medium
2. without
3. costs
4. Eddie
5. cool
6. her coworkers are
7. boyfriend
8. brother
9. doesn't like

Part 5

1. Rob is holding a small (shirt), so the salesperson gives him a medium (shirt).
2. Rob tries on the shirt and then asks how much it costs.
3. She tells him (that) it costs £44.99.
4. Meanwhile, Jenny is outside talking to her brother on the phone.
5. She says (that) her coworkers are very polite.
6. He wants to know what Jenny is doing right now.
7. Jenny tells him (that) she is waiting for Rob.
8. He thinks (that) Rob might be Jenny's new boyfriend.
9. When Jenny sees Rob's shirt, she laughs at him.
10. She insists (that) he can't wear [the/that] shirt to [the/his] interview.
11. Then Jenny offers to help Rob (to) choose a different shirt.

Part 6

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| 1. Rob lives in London. | a fact |
| 2. Jenny is visiting London. | an action now |
| 3. Right now, Rob is shopping . | an action now |
| 4. He wants a new shirt. | a state verb |
| 5. He is buying a new shirt. | an action now |
| 6. It costs 45 pounds. | a fact |
| 7. Rob likes the shirt. | a state verb |
| 8. Jenny doesn't like the shirt. | a state verb |
| 9. Jenny is talking to her brother on the phone. | an action now |
| 10. She talks to him every week. | a habit |
| 11. Jenny likes London. | a state verb |
| 12. Her coworkers are very polite. | a fact |
| 13. At the moment, she is waiting for Rob. | an action now |
| 14. Rob doesn't know Eddie. | a state verb |

Script

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| 1. do you need | 2. is it | 3. do you think | 4. are you doing |
| 5. am waiting | 6. is buying | 7. are waiting | 8. do you think |