

Xmas shopping roleplays

Work in groups of three or four. Roleplay buying supplies for Xmas using the list and/ or situations below. One person is the shopkeeper and the other people are the customers. The customers should also discuss what they want to buy before and during their trip to the shop.

Possible questions (for shopkeepers and shoppers)

- (How) can I help you?/ (How) may I help you?/ Do you need any help?/ What can I do for you today?
- Can I help you with anything else?
- Can I order it (then)?
- Can I pay with...?
- Can I try it on/ have a look at it/ bring it back if it isn't suitable?
- Can you recommend something for...?
- Do you deliver (...)?
- Do you have (any)...?/ Do you sell...?
- Do you have anything (suitable for)...?
- Do you have anything cheaper/ bigger/ ...er/ in red/...?
- Do you have anything else?
- Do you have it/... in...?
- How about this?/ How about these?
- How big/ long/ wide/ thick is...?
- How long will it take?
- How much is it?/ How much does it cost?
- How much/ many would you like?
- What colour(s) do you have?
- What colour(s) would you like?
- What is... for?
- What kind of... do you have?/ What kind of... are available?
- What kind of... would you like?
- What size(s) (...) do you have?
- What's it/... made from?/ What's it/ ... made of?
- What's... made from?/ What's... made of?
- When might you have it in?
- Would you like me to order one/ some?

Share some of the things that you bought and see if other groups agree that they are good choices.

Ask about anything on the worksheets that you aren't sure about.

Label the phrases above with S for shopkeeper or C for customer. They should clearly be one or the other, but write SC if you think both uses are possible.

Xmas decorations etc for shopping roleplays – ideas for things to buy

- advent calendar
- angel
- baubles
- candles
- Christmas cake decorations
- Christmas cards
- Christmas crackers
- Christmas lights/ fairy lights
- Christmas stockings
- Christmas tree
- costume
- elves
- headbands
- holly
- mistletoe
- napkins (= serviettes)
- nativity scene models
- nutcrackers
- party poppers
- pine cones
- plates
- poinsettia
- reindeer
- Santa
- Santa's sack
- sleigh
- snow
- snowman
- star
- stencils
- stickers
- table cloth
- table ornaments
- tinsel
- wrapping paper
- Xmas wreath

Xmas decorations etc for shopping roleplays – ideas for things in stock

- advent calendar (with chocolates in it)
- angel (for the top of the Xmas tree)
- (gold/ silver) baubles
- (real/ fake/ scented) candles
- Christmas cake decorations (Santa, sleigh, nativity scene, robin, snowman, etc)
- Christmas cards (with Santa/ Father Xmas, robins, “Merry Xmas”, “Happy holidays”, “Season’s greetings”, reindeers, a white Xmas, nativity scenes, the three wise men, a star, etc)
- Christmas crackers (with jokes, party hats, little presents, etc inside)
- (50/ 100/ flashing) Christmas lights/ fairy lights
- (small/ medium/ large) Christmas stockings
- (plastic/ real/ miniature) Christmas tree
- (Santa/ sexy Santa/ elf) costume
- (dancing) elves
- (reindeer ears/ Santa hat) headbands
- (plastic/ real) holly
- (plastic/ real) mistletoe
- (Xmas-themed) napkins (= serviettes)
- nativity scene models (stable, manger, baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, cows, horses, donkeys, sheep, shepherds, the magi/ three wise men, star, hay, etc)
- (traditional/ easy to use) nutcrackers
- (small/ medium/ large) party poppers
- (silver/ gold) pine cones
- (party/ paper/ plastic/ disposable) plates
- (real/ fake) poinsettia
- (inflatable/ Rudolph the Red-nosed/ life-sized/ moving) reindeer
- (robot/ life-sized/ inflatable/ singing/ dancing) Santa
- (plastic/ fabric) Santa’s sack
- (life-size/ moving) sleigh
- (fake/ spray) snow (for your windows/ the Xmas tree/ the roof of your house)
- (moving/ singing/ inflatable) snowman
- star (for the top of the Xmas tree)
- (snowman/ Santa/ sleigh/ snow-covered house) stencils
- stickers
- (Xmas-themed) table cloth
- table ornaments (made from pine cones/ for candles)
- (silver/ gold/ metallic green) tinsel
- wrapping paper (with holly, snowmen, Santa, stars, snowflakes, mistletoe, etc on it)
- (holly) Xmas wreath

Xmas food and drinks for shopping roleplays

- bacon
- brandy
- brandy sauce
- Brazil nuts
- (instant/ readymade) bread sauce
- (fresh/ frozen) Brussel sprouts
- candy canes
- carrots
- Champagne
- chestnuts
- chocolate coins
- (After Eights/ Quality Street) chocolates
- Christmas cake
- Christmas log (cake)
- Christmas pudding
- (tinned/ jar of) cranberry sauce
- (fresh/ double/ whipping/ spray) cream
- (instant/ readymade/ powdered) custard
- (dried) dates
- eggnog
- (dried) figs
- gingerbread men
- (frozen/ fresh/ roasted) goose (leg)
- (instant/ powdered) gravy
- instant mashed potato
- marzipan
- mince pies
- mulled wine (mix)
- (Dijon/ English/ French/ wholegrain) mustard
- nut roast
- parsnips
- (fresh/ frozen) peas
- potatoes
- (chipolata) sausages
- stollen
- (instant) stuffing
- sugared almonds
- (frozen/ fresh/ roasted) turkey (leg)
- vanilla ice cream
- (whole) walnuts

Xmas shopping roleplay situation cards

Check what things are made of before you buy them.
You've never bought this kind of stuff before, so ask for recommendations.
Check the size of things before you buy them.
You only have a limited budget (= not much money).
One of you wants to buy a lot of things and the others want to just buy the minimum.
Ask about which things will still be okay for Xmas next year before buying.
One person wants everything to be traditional but the others want something original.
You have small children at home, so check that everything is suitable.
Some things are out of stock but can be ordered to arrive before Xmas.
Some things are out of stock and won't be available until after Xmas.
Ask how things are used before buying.
You want supplies for a large restaurant. Check how much you need before buying.
You are not 100% sure what you need, so ask if you have a refund if they aren't suitable.