

## shopping for presents and clothes

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>French Experience</b></p> <p><b>Programme 14:</b> Find out, amongst other things, that 5% of French household budgets goes on clothes and that France holds the European record for the purchase of slippers!</p> <p>French Experience (<i>filmed when the franc was the currency of France</i>) is repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</a></p> <p><b>French Steps</b></p> <p>Join Hakim M'Barek, first in <b>Stage 1: Buying presents</b> as he splashes out on presents in a trendy shop in Paris, then in <b>Stage 4: Buying clothes</b> as he does some last-minute clothes shopping before going on holiday. Watch the slideshows then do the activities and read all about shopping in France in <i>Fact file</i>.</p> <p><b>French Experience: Faire des achats</b></p> <p>Learn how to ask for your particular size in clothes and how to get more information on an item. Watch the video clips, with or without the transcript, then do the activities.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>Do a web search for <b>vente par correspondance</b> (mail order) and <b>vêtements</b> (clothes) to find catalogues with the latest fashions. They make for interesting browsing and give you a focus for recalling vocabulary, reading descriptions and saying prices aloud. Imagine you were asking for the items in a shop, and specify colour and size with <b>Il me le faut en rouge/en 42</b> (I need it in red/in a size 42).</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Je peux vous aider?</b> Can I help you?</p> <p><b>Quelle taille/couleur?</b> What size/colour?</p> <p><b>Je peux l'essayer?</b> Can I try it on?</p> <p><b>Vous l'avez en</b> Have you got it in ...<b>rouge?</b> ...red?</p> <p>...<b>trente-huit?</b> ...a size 38?</p> <p><b>C'est pour offrir?</b> Is it for a present?</p> <p><b>C'est combien?</b> How much is it?</p> <p><b>Ça fait trente euros</b> That's €30</p>	<p><b>les cabines d'essayage</b> changing rooms</p> <p><b>celui-ci/celle-ci</b> this one (m/f)</p> <p><b>un cadeau</b> a present</p> <p><b>un paquet cadeau</b> giftwrapped item</p> <p><b>bleu foncé</b> dark blue</p> <p><b>bleu clair</b> light blue</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What's the connection between <b>un chemisier</b>, <b>une jupe</b> and <b>une robe</b>?</li> <li>Would you use <b>blanc</b> or <b>blanche</b> when talking about a white shirt?</li> <li>Identify the odd one out: <b>vert</b>, <b>noir</b>, <b>violet</b> and <b>géranium</b>.</li> <li>You find a jacket you like but the colour's wrong. How would you ask if they have it in black?</li> <li>You want to try it on. How would you ask where the changing rooms are?</li> <li>Someone standing by says <b>Ça vous va bien</b>. Would you reply <b>Et comment allez-vous?</b>; <b>S'il vous plaît</b>; <b>Merci</b> or <b>Bon voyage</b>?</li> </ol>	

Answers on [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml)