

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Prices and shopping

1 Look at the way we write and say prices in British and American English. Practise saying them.

British English		American English	
Written	Spoken	Written	Spoken
£1	a pound	\$1	a dollar
50p	fifty p	50¢	fifty cents
£1.99	one pound ninety-nine	25¢	a quarter
£16.40	sixteen pounds forty	10¢	a dime

T 4.6 Listen to the conversations and write the numbers you hear.

2 What's the exchange rate between sterling/US dollars and your currency?

There are about five ... to the dollar.

In your country, how much is ... ?

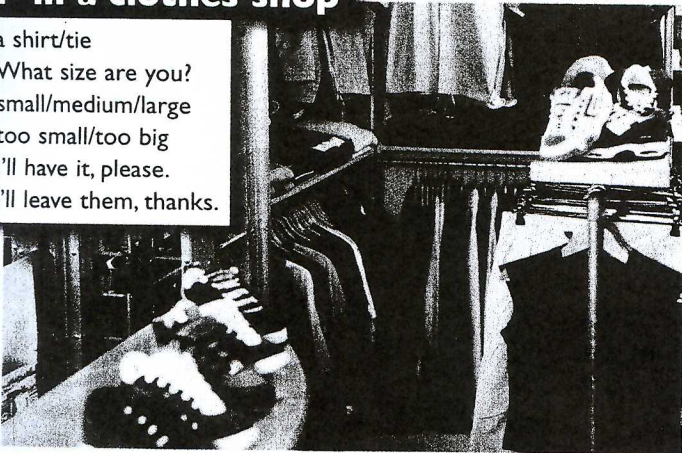
- a pair of jeans
- a packet of cigarettes
- a hamburger
- a litre of petrol

3 Make conversations in these places with a partner.

Use the ideas to help you.

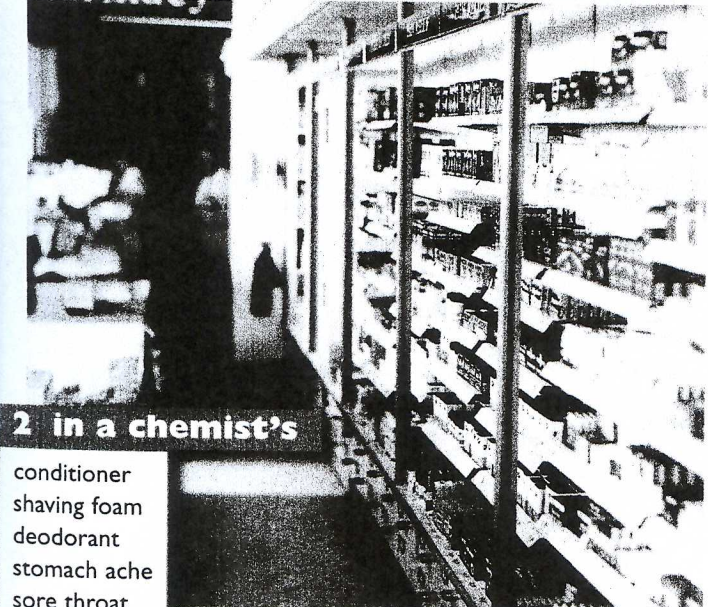
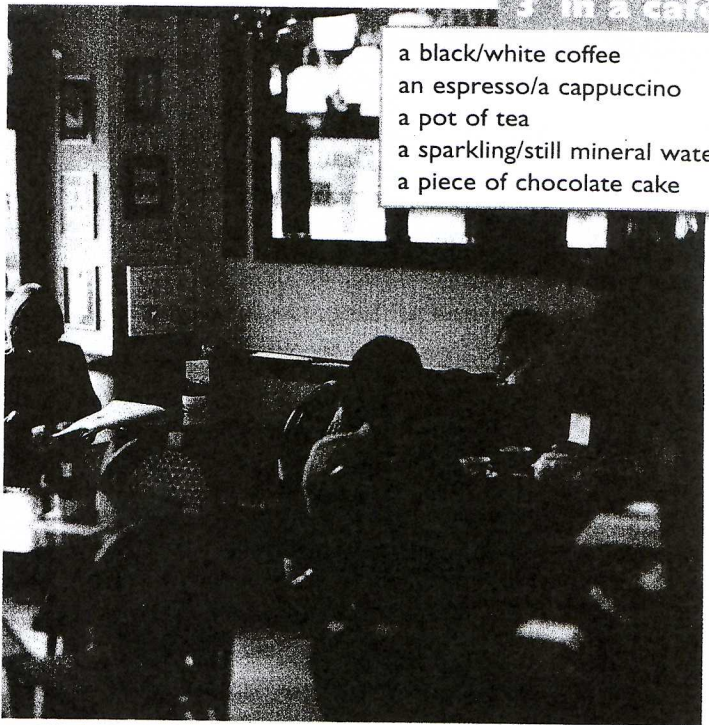
1 in a clothes shop

a shirt/tie
 What size are you?
 small/medium/large
 too small/too big
 I'll have it, please.
 I'll leave them, thanks.



3 in a cafe

a black/white coffee
 an espresso/a cappuccino
 a pot of tea
 a sparkling/still mineral water
 a piece of chocolate cake



2 in a chemist's

conditioner
 shaving foam
 deodorant
 stomach ache
 sore throat



4 in a post office

some stamps
 First or second class?
 a letter/postcard to Japan
 send this parcel to Mexico
 buy some envelopes