

Lesson 15: A Present for Li Ming



- Have you ever bought a present for a friend?
- What do you consider when you shop for clothing?

Jenny wants to buy a present for Li Ming's birthday. She and Brian go into a clothing store.

Clerk: What can I do for you?

Jenny: I'm looking for a birthday present for my friend, Li Ming. He lives in China.

Clerk: Would he like a new jacket for his birthday? What size does your friend wear?

Jenny: I think he's the same size as Brian.

Clerk: *(He gives Brian a yellow jacket.)* Try on this jacket, please. Does it fit?

Brian: *(He tries on the jacket.)* No, this jacket is too small. Do you have any other sizes?

Jenny: I don't think Li Ming would like that jacket anyway. Do you have any other styles?

Clerk: *(He gets another jacket.)* Yes, we do.



Brian: *(He tries on the bright green jacket.)* Would Li Ming like this one, Jenny?

Jenny: No! Li Ming hates bright green. I don't like the colour, but I like the style.

Clerk: We have other colours. We have purple, red and blue. What colour do you want?

Jenny: Red is Li Ming's favourite colour. We'll buy a red one.



Learning Tip

The clerk can greet people like this:

- What can I do for you?
- May/Can I help you?
- Is there anything I can do for you?

Let's Do It!

1 Read the lesson and write true (T) or false (F).

- Jenny is looking for a birthday present for Li Ming. ()
- Jenny thinks about the size, colour and style when she buys the present. ()
- Brian is the same size as Li Ming. ()
- Li Ming's favourite colour is bright green. ()
- Jenny doesn't find a present for Li Ming in the end. ()

2 Listen to the dialogues and tick the correct answers.

- _____ birthday is on Sunday.
☐ The girl's mum's ☐ The girl's friend's ☐ The girl's cousin's
- The jacket is _____.
☐ just right ☐ too small ☐ too big
- The girl will buy a _____ skirt.
☐ red ☐ green ☐ purple

3 Match the words with the correct meanings.

present	an exact measurement
clothing	the shape or kind of something
size	be the right size and shape for somebody or something
fit	something you give to or get from somebody
style	things you wear

- 4 Work in pairs. Pretend you want to buy something for your mother's or your father's birthday. You are in a shop talking to a clerk about what to buy. What will you buy? Why? Make up a dialogue with your partner. Then act it out.

