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Shopping! Many teenagers living in the United States shop at the mall, shopping plazas, and the supermarket. They need to know how to say what they want to buy, compare one product with another, ask a clerk about the price, pay for their purchase, and much more!

7C English has been learning a lot about money and shopping! They learned the bills and coins of American money and how to use it in a realistic setting. They studied how to do comparison shopping in English with a store clerk. Using money bags filled with (pretend!) American bills and coins to do a role-play really makes learning about shopping in a store more real. First, students learned how to compare advantages of two brands of shoes: *Cool Walkers are not as expensive as Slim Jimms, but Slim Jimms are more fashionable than Cool Walkers.* Secondly, they examined a conversation script between a shopper and a shoe store clerk.

Next, the students were given several more pairs of products to compare in writing. As a group they chose one pair of products: two brands of computer software packages, Account Doctor and Budget Master. Together they used the conversation script they had studied to write a new script about buying the computer software packages, Account Doctor and Budget Master.

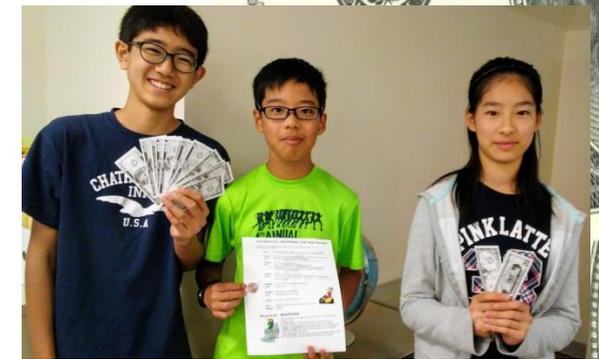
Finally, they performed the conversation with one clerk and two shoppers. The shoppers paid for the software package with the “money” from their money bags!

Everyone had fun performing the shopping script, as the photos clearly show. The shopping vocabulary, realistic conversation script, and “money bags” are all great tools to stimulate learning for a real-world situation. Already the 7C students have learned enough vocabulary to make a simple purchase in a real store!



Shoppers pay the clerk for their computer software.

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7C show their (pretend) money and shopping script.