

Vocabulary

several ... at a time

Meaning: More than a few happening or used together at once.

Examples:

1. I had several shopping baskets open at a time.
2. You should only take several cookies at a time, not the whole tray!

wish list

Meaning: A list of things you want to have or buy.

Examples:

1. I love having a little wish list of things I want to buy.
2. She made a birthday wish list for her parents.

I love the beauty that

Meaning: A phrase to show deep appreciation for how great something is.

Examples:

1. I love the beauty that you can shop anytime, anywhere.
2. I love the beauty that comes with living in nature.

pajamas

Meaning: Clothes that people wear when they sleep.

Examples:

1. I shop online in my pajamas with a cup of tea.
2. He stayed in his pajamas all day on Sunday.

in the background

Meaning: Happening behind or while something else is going on.

Examples:

1. I shop with my favorite TV show in the background.
2. There was music playing softly in the background.

what's out there

Meaning: The things that are available or happening in the world.

Examples:

1. I love seeing what's out there.
2. She searched online to see what's out there in terms of job openings.

try things on

Meaning: Put on clothes to see if they fit or look good.

Examples:

1. I don't need to go in and try things on.
2. You should always try things on before buying them.

whatever

Meaning: Any option; it doesn't matter exactly which one.

Examples:

1. I'm a size whatever in this top.
2. Just order whatever you feel like eating.

top

Meaning: A piece of clothing worn on the upper body.

Examples:

1. I'm a size whatever in this top.
2. She wore a red top with blue jeans.

now a thing

Meaning: Something that exists or is common today.

Examples:

1. I'm so glad it's now a thing we can do every day.
2. Working from home is now a thing in many companies.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.
at a time • thing • background
try • top • out there

1. Before you buy that, let's see what else is ____.
2. She is always doing several things ____.
3. Is there a dressing room where I can ____ this on?
4. My sister is over there. She's wearing a pink ____.
5. Having an AI life coach is now a ____.
6. I like this music playing in the ____.

Stacy / Australia 

Do you prefer shopping at a mall or online?

Hi, I'm Stacy. I am Australian and I live in Edinburgh. And my question is, if I prefer shopping in a shopping mall or online.

A hundred percent prefer shopping online. I will often have **several** shopping baskets open with things in it **at a time** just because I just love having a little **wishlist** of things I want to buy. **I love the beauty that** you can shop anytime, anywhere in your **pajamas** with a cup of tea, with your favorite TV show **in the background**. And I just love seeing **what's out there**. I have specific shops that I buy from most of the time, so I know what size I am, so I don't need to go in and **try things on**. I know that I'm a size **whatever** in this **top**, and I'll be a size or whatever in those jeans, and it's just simple and it's easy and it comes to you in a few days. You don't have to leave your house. I think it's great, and I love it, and I'm just so glad it's **now a thing** that we can do every day because it's just so easy.

Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) Where does she prefer shopping?

- a) A mall
- b) Online**

2) What does she say about pajamas?

- a) She bought some.
- b) She shops wearing them.**

3) What does she talk about buying?

- a) Tops**
- b) Socks

Corporate Terminology

Get to Grips With

Meaning: To start to understand or deal with a difficult situation

Example: "It took me a while to get to grips with the new software, but now I'm starting to feel more comfortable with it."

Head (Go) South

Meaning: To go wrong or become worse

Example: "Everything was going well until the new manager took over, and then everything started to head south."