



Making a purchase

Preparation checklist

Ask the students to bring to class a receipt of purchase for something they or their family have bought recently. This is the paper you receive when you buy the goods, eg, the docket from the supermarket. Alternatively you could bring in enough examples for groups to examine.

Activity

- a) Ask the students what they think a contract is. *It is an agreement between two or more people.* Discuss with them that Sam's purchase is a **legal contract** or legal agreement between the buyer and the retailer.
- b) Ask the students these questions:
- 1) *Could you buy goods from a retailer and then have the police come and take them back because they were stolen?*
 - 2) *Could the retailer phone you the next day and say the price was wrong and you need to pay another \$20.00?*

- c) Explain that the contract between the retailer and the buyer has these features:
- the buyer and retailer agree on a price
 - the buyer pays for the goods
 - when the retailer agrees to sell the goods they are:
 - indicating they own the goods and the goods are not stolen or owned by someone else
 - accepting responsibility for the quality and safety of the goods they are selling.

After the purchase the consumer receives a sales receipt. This piece of paper is proof you have bought the goods.

- d) Ask the students to work in groups and look at a sales receipt and identify what information is on it.

The receipt includes:

- the store name (fictitious) **1**
 - the date of the purchase **2**
 - details of the purchase (what was bought) **3**
 - what was paid for the goods. **4**
- e) Explain that if something goes wrong with the goods you purchase from a retailer and you take them back, you will need to prove you bought the goods there. The sales receipt is used to prove you bought the goods at a particular shop (and when you bought the goods and the price you paid for them).

DressUP 1		
Wellington Central		
Tax Invoice GST Reg No. 63-001-001		
2 Date 05/06/2005	Time 14:37	
Terminal 2	#056781	
Code	Qty	Price
3 Red Jumper	1	\$47.50
Total (incl GST)		\$47.50 4
CASH		\$47.50
Thank you for shopping at DressUP Please retain as proof of purchase		

Note *Your students may discuss situations where they have taken faulty or other goods back to a shop without a proof of purchase. However, the shop is entitled to ask the consumer to prove they bought the goods at the shop on a certain date. The shop should not be responsible for goods sold by other shops, or goods that have develop a fault after you have owned and used them for a long time.*

