

e-shopping / shopping on line

Shopping on line is quite easy you may think and it is, to some extent.

BUT

Is it safe? What should we pay attention to?

Pro and Cons

Pro

- ◇ Many shops nowadays have e-shops and sell their merchandise/goods on-line. You can see the things they have in their shops, the prices, availability in stock – *and the sizes available, if you are looking for clothes and shoes.*
- ◇ You can visit many shops from home without going anywhere physically.
- ◇ You can compare prices and see where it is better to buy the things you really need and want.

Cons

- ◇ Buying on line isn't always safe since there are many impostors. Sometimes some companies present themselves as legal which is not true.
- ◇ You may not get what you order. Sometimes you see one thing and get one completely different.
- ◇ They may not give you your money back if there has been a mistake.
- ◇ Staying in leads to being afraid of walking among other people. (*agoraphobia*)

TIPS

- ◇ You should always look for the **lock** in the address bar. This is very important. It means that it is safe to buy on line from this shop.
- ◇ Check if the address starts with http:// or https://. **https** is better since 's' stands for 'security'
- ◇ Use a pre-paid card if you have one.
- ◇ Don't pay in advance if it's a small amount of money. Pay when you receive the goods you order.
- ◇ Print your order and keep it until you receive your package.
- ◇ Always check the **CONTACT (US)** part to check if there is a real address and a phone number, not only mobile, and the shipping details as well.
- ◇ Always check the final price before you order.
- ◇ Always read the other people's comments and check the stars an item has.