

Vocabulary

Expressions with *business*, and words connected with shopping

1 Complete expressions a–e with the correct preposition below, then discuss what each of the expressions means.

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- a I just need a few tools to fix the car, then we're *business*.
- b I don't think you should interfere. It's *none* *your business* really.
- c I'm afraid the Managing Director is away *business* until the end of the week.
- d Our local shop *went* *of business* when a new out-of-town superstore opened.
- e Right. Let's get *down* *business* and start making some decisions.

2 Read the definitions for the expressions in italics in a–h to see if they are correct. If not, use a dictionary to give the correct definition.

- a The star was arrested for *shoplifting* designer clothes. (stealing goods from a shop)
- b In some countries, you are expected to *haggle over* the price of goods. (pay the full price)
- c I'm going on a *shopping spree* at the weekend because Friday is payday! (buy one or two necessary things)
- d My sister loves to *go window-shopping* when she's on holiday. (looking at goods in a shop without intending to buy anything)
- e Sometimes it's a good idea to *shop around* before buying anything. (compare the price or quality of goods offered in different shops)
- f It's advisable to keep the *receipt* when you buy something. (piece of paper that shows that goods have been paid for)
- g I absolutely love shopping. I admit I'm a real *shopaholic*! (someone who likes to go shopping now and again)
- h Have you seen Tom's new car? It was so expensive he had to buy it *on credit*. (an arrangement to pay later for something you buy)

