

Common Shopping
Idioms, Phrases, and
Expressions in English



When an article is well below the usual price.

it's a bargain.

That handbag goes beautifully with the dress, and at that price it's a bargain!

If you ----- something you don't have enough
money to buy it.

I can't afford it.

"I'd love that jacket but I can't afford it!"

If an article or service -----, it is very
expensive indeed.

it costs an arm and a leg.

"The diamond engagement ring cost an arm and a leg!"

Something that ----- is very expensive.

it costs a fortune.

"Look at the price of that bag - it costs a fortune!"

The expression ----- means that something is so cheap that it's almost as if you haven't paid anything for it.

it's a steal.

"At that price it's a steal. You won't find it cheaper in any other shop."

Something that is ----- is worth the money
spent on it.

it's good value for money.

"The quality is excellent so it's good value for money."

The expression ----- means that something is a bit expensive.

it's a bit pricey.

"Their clothes are a bit pricey but they have a wonderful selection"

If you -----, you go shopping for a very long time, until you are exhausted.

shop till you drop

*"If you go to London with Ashley, you'll **shop till you drop**, so take comfortable shoes!"*

The term ----- refers to the idea that buying things can make you feel better.

shopping therapy

"A little shopping therapy can usually cheer up bored teenagers."

When people go -----, they look at things in shop windows, without actually purchasing anything.

window shopping

"I haven't been paid yet, so I can only go window shopping."