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"All right, boys. Do you remember why we're here?" Neil and Nate's mom asked.
Neil said, "Yes, Mom. You told us a hundred times."
Nate said, "We're here to buy sneakers."
Together they said, "And nothing else!"
"Right. Your first basketball practice is tomorrow, so you should buy the sneakers today. You have to be **responsible**, OK?"
"OK!" said Neil and Nate. They **followed** their mother out of the car and into the mall.





"Mom," said Neil, "I'm going to get these red sneakers!" He showed her a picture of his favorite sneakers.

"Mom," said Nate, "look at mine. My sneakers are better than his!" Then he held up a picture, too.

"Boys, those are the same sneakers in different colors, aren't they?" Neil and Nate looked at the pictures and started laughing.

"Oops!" said Neil.

"You're right!" said Nate.



"Let's meet here in forty-five minutes," she said.
"You can choose the sneakers by yourselves.
Your father and I will be very **proud!**"
"We'll look like the best sports stars!" said Nate.
"Of course you will," said their mom.
"I'll be able to score a lot of points now," said Neil.
"And I'll be able to **dribble** past all the players,"
said Nate.
"We'll be able to do everything!" said Neil.
"Can we shop by ourselves now?" asked Nate.



"Yes, I think that's a good idea. But, what should you buy?" Mom asked her two sons.

"Sneakers!" They shouted.

"What could you buy?" asked their mom.

They looked through the window. "We could buy **jerseys**," said Nate.

"Or new shirts and new socks," said Neil.

"But what should you buy?"

"We should buy sneakers!" They said together.

"I think you're ready," she said and gave them some money. "Good luck!"



Their mom walked around the corner to start shopping, and the boys looked at the brand new clothes. "Wow! I want to buy everything!" Nate said. Neil said to his brother, "Nate, remember why we're here..." They both said together, "Sneakers!" Finally, they looked at the different pairs of sneakers. A friendly salesclerk walked over and asked, "Can I help you?"



Neil and Nate showed him their pictures.
Neil said, "Yes, we're looking for these sneakers in red and blue!" The sales clerk looked at the pictures and said, "Oh! You both want the Amazing Sneakers. They're new, but there are only a few left."
The boys were excited.
"Can we see them, please?" asked Neil.
"Sure!" said the clerk.



The boys sat down and waited for their sneakers.
"Let's look at the clothes," said Nate.
"I don't think so," said Neil. "We shouldn't look at them. We should wait here."
"We can just look at them. We don't have to get them," said Nate.
"Are you sure?" asked Neil.
"A hundred percent!" said Nate, and he walked away.

A salesclerk in the clothing department asked,
"Can I help you?"

Nate was very excited and said, "Sure, I'll **try on**
that shirt and those pants and that jacket."

The clerk got him the clothes.

"Do you want to try them on?" she asked.

"Yes, please."

Neil waited for his brother for a few minutes.

"I'm bored," he thought. He wanted to try on
some clothes, too. He went to find his brother.





They looked in the mirror. "Wow! These new clothes are great!" said Nate.

"They really are," said Neil.

"They're perfect! Let's try on some more clothes," said Nate.

"OK," said Neil. They went into the rooms to put on different clothes. They forgot about the sneakers because they were so excited.

They quickly bought their favorite clothes and walked out of the store.

"Uh, oh!" said Nate.

"Oops! We spent all the money," said Neil.

"And we didn't buy the sneakers!" said Nate.

"What should we do?" asked Neil.

"I don't know," said Nate, "but there's Mom."

"She's going to be disappointed, isn't she?" said Neil.

"Probably," said Nate.





The boys were **embarrassed** and tried to hide the bags behind them.

Their mother came and said, "Hi, boys! Did you buy the sneakers?"

"No, Mom, we didn't," said Neil.

"What happened?" asked their mom.

The boys looked at each other but didn't answer.

Their mom looked in the bags and saw the clothes.

"OK, let's fix this." She took the shopping bags, and they went inside the store.

The boys **returned** the clothes. Finally, they tried on the Amazing Sneakers.

"Wow! These are great sneakers!" said Nate.

"They're excellent!" said Neil.

"We should buy these," said Nate.

"We need to buy these," said Neil.

The boys smiled at each other and bought the Amazing Sneakers.

"Now we're ready for basketball season!" said Nate.

"It's going to be amazing!" said Neil.





Exercise 1. Answer the questions.



Track 9

1. What could Nate and Neil buy?

_____.

2. What should they buy?

_____.

3. What did they buy first?

_____.

4. What did they finally buy?

_____.

Exercise 2. Match. Find the opposite meaning.

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|----------------|---|---|---------------|
| 1. followed | ● | ● | a. take off |
| 2. returned | ● | ● | b. silly |
| 3. try on | ● | ● | c. bought |
| 4. responsible | ● | ● | d. proud |
| 5. embarrassed | ● | ● | e. went first |

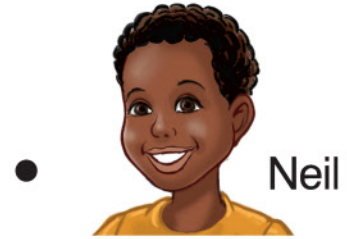


Exercise 3. Who said it? Listen and match.

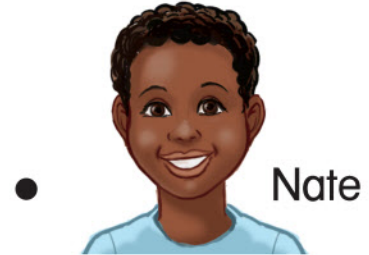


Track 10

1. "Can I help you?" ●



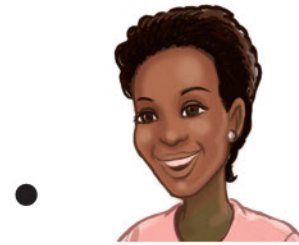
2. "Let's meet here in 45 minutes." ●



3. "Can we shop by ourselves now?" ●



4. "I'm going to get these red sneakers!" ●



Exercise 4. What about you?

1. If you went shopping, what would you buy?

_____.

2. What kind of sneakers would you buy?

_____.

3. Do you go shopping by yourself?

_____.

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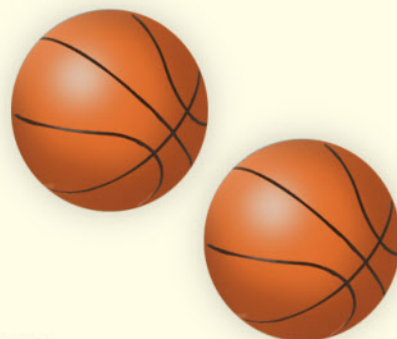
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