

Story Time

Jokes, stories and anecdotes as told by native English speakers

In this section you can hear native English speakers telling each other jokes.



CD track 8 - Canadian woman and US woman

Bad Relationship

Two men, Jim and Jeff, are **out shopping** when they start to discuss their lives. Jim says, "Jane and I seem to be **fighting** all the time these days. I've been so **upset** I've lost 5 kilos."

And Jeff asks, "Why don't you just **leave her** then?"

"Oh, no! Not yet," Jim replies, "Before I do that, I want to lose at least another three kilos."

Sorry, no change today.



The Competition

Jane has been **running a local store** for twenty years. Everyone in the area goes there for their milk, bread and fruit and vegetables. However, one day, a new shop, selling exactly the same products, opens to the right of Jane's shop. And just above the shop door, there's a **huge sign** which read "BEST DEALS".

Jane is horrified. But things get worse. The next day, another **competitor** opens up a shop just to the left of Jane's store. And there's an even larger sign that reads "LOWEST PRICES".

At first, Jane panics, but then she has a great idea. The next day, she puts up the biggest sign of all over her own shop saying, "**Main entrance** to all shops here".



Early Shopper

Jim is **on trial** for robbery. Luckily, it's Christmas time and the **judge** is in a **merry mood**. She asks the defendant, "So, young man, what are you **charged with**?"

"Doing my **Christmas shopping** a bit early," Jim replies.

"Well, that's not a crime," the judge says, looking around at the lawyers present.

"I know," says Jim.

"Just out of interest," the judge asks, "how early were you doing this shopping then?" And Jim replies, "A few hours before the store opened."



GLOSSARY

out shopping *exp*
in a shop buying things

fighting *n*
arguing; shouting at one another

upset *adj*

sad and angry

to leave someone *exp*
to abandon someone

to run *vb*

to manage and control

a local store *n*

a shop that is in the area you are referring to

huge *adj*

very big

a sign *n*

a piece of wood/metal/plastic with information or writing on it

a competitor *n*

someone who is trying to sell the same things as you

the main entrance *n*

the door that you enter in order to go into a building

on trial *exp*

if someone is "on trial", they are defending themselves in a court of law

a judge *n*

the person who manages and controls a trial (a legal process)

in a merry mood *exp*

happy

charged with *exp*

if you are "charged with" something, you are accused of that thing

Christmas shopping *n*

buying presents for people in order to give them at Christmas