

## ¿Qué talla?

The activity outlined below is the third at Stage 3 based on shopping. Small shops still flourish in Spain and, while they make for really interesting shopping, they can be more daunting to foreigners than large impersonal stores. Knowledge of a few key phrases can make all the difference to the shopping experience.

**¿Qué talla?** practises asking about availability of items, focusing on clothing and sizes, and providing plenty of repetition of **Quería** and **¿Tiene?**.

### Getting ready

The main activity is loosely based on Happy Families.

Display page 2 to present the clothes vocabulary. Then, for the activity, print off four copies of the page onto thin card. Mark each garment on one sheet as **pequeña** and the shoes size 36, on another as **mediana** (shoes size 38), on the third as **grande** (shoes size 41) and on the fourth as **extragrande** (shoes size 43). Then cut them into a set of 48 individual cards (without the writing) and shuffle thoroughly. You'll need a set for each group.

You'll also need shopping lists from page 3 (one per person).

### Getting them talking

1. For preparation, learners work in small groups with a pack of cards face down. They take it turns to turn a card over and say what they see, for example, **una chaqueta, talla grande**.
2. Once you feel they're comfortable with the vocabulary, organise learners into groups of up to eight (two groups of four would be more manageable). A set of clothes cards is shared out equally among a group. In addition, give each person a shopping list – and impress on them the need to keep this and their cards well hidden.

The aim is for people to collect a picture of everything on their list. One person starts by saying, e.g.

**Quería una blusa, talla pequeña**

... then selects any other member of the group and asks:

**(NAME) ¿tiene una blusa, talla pequeña?**

If that person has the garment, s/he will reply **Sí. ¿Quiere probarla?** and hand the card over. If s/he hasn't got it, the reply will be **No, lo siento**.

Working clockwise, the next person asks a question. The winner is the first person to collect all the clothes on their shopping list.

		
<b>una chaqueta</b>	<b>una camisa</b>	<b>un pantalón</b>
		
<b>una blusa</b>	<b>un par de calcetines</b>	<b>una falda</b>
		
<b>una camiseta</b>	<b>un vestido</b>	<b>unas sandalías</b>
		
<b>unas medias</b>	<b>unos zapatos (f)</b>	<b>unos zapatos (m)</b>

**Shopping lists**

<p><b>Señora Pequeña</b>                      a blouse                      a skirt                      a dress                      tights                      shoes (36)                      sandals (36)</p>	<p><b>Señora Mediana</b>                      a blouse                      a skirt                      a dress                      tights                      shoes (38)                      sandals (38)</p>	<p><b>Señora Grande</b>                      a blouse                      a skirt                      a dress                      tights                      shoes (41)                      sandals (41)</p>	<p><b>Señora Extragrande</b>                      a blouse                      a skirt                      a dress                      tights                      shoes (43)                      sandals (43)</p>
<p><b>Señor Pequeño</b>                      a jacket                      a shirt                      trousers                      socks                      a tee-shirt                      shoes (size 36)</p>	<p><b>Señor Mediano</b>                      a jacket                      a shirt                      trousers                      socks                      a tee-shirt                      shoes (size 38)</p>	<p><b>Señor Grande</b>                      a jacket                      a shirt                      trousers                      socks                      a tee-shirt                      shoes (size 41)</p>	<p><b>Señor Extragrande</b>                      a jacket                      a shirt                      trousers                      socks                      a tee-shirt                      shoes (size 43)</p>