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**Shopping for clothes**

Richard: For this week's podcastsineenglish.com we're going to talk about shopping. Now with me to talk about shopping is Esther. Hello Esther.

Esther: Hi Richard, good afternoon.

Richard: Good afternoon. So, do you like shopping?

Esther: I do.

Richard: How often do you go shopping?

Esther: Oh, I go every week.

Richard: OK, and what do you go shopping for?

Esther: Clothes of course. Women likes clothes and I'm one of them.

Richard: And what, what sort of clothes do you like?

Esther: Basically I like to shop for, erm, what do you call, simple clothes, comfortable clothes. I don't go, I don't go for clothes that are very fancy or... I go for jeans, I go for t-shirts. I go for ordinary but classic kind of look.

Richard: And you're from the Philippines aren't you?

Esther: Yes, I am.

Richard: So what sort of clothes do you think people in the Philippines wear, in general?

Esther: Generally we wear cotton clothes because it's a tropical country and it's very hot most of the year, most of the time, so clothes that are soft and er... cool to the skin and all that. We don't usually have this um... winter clothes, most people in England or in America have. We don't have that.

Richard: Yes, fortunately it's not as cold there as it is in England. Em, and do you ever... a national costume or or traditional clothes that people wear?

Esther: Yes, we do have. We have er... what do you call... a kimona.

- Richard: Kimona?
- Esther: Yes. Which is a very thin fabric made of pinia clothes. Or...What is pinia in English? Oh My. Pineapple!
- Richard: Pineapple? It's made from pineapples?[laughs].
- Esther: Yes. It's, it's er... [laughs] it's made of pineapple.
- Richard: The leaves.
- Esther: Yes, the leaves and all that. And it's very thin. You have to wear an undershirt inside. But we don't wear that every day.
- Richard: OK
- Esther: Because this kind of clothes it's very...costume-like. You know what I mean?
- Richard: Yes
- Esther: You only have to wear that when it's national day in the Philippines when it's Philippine Independence celebration and all those kind of things.
- Richard: But you say that's for special occasions. So normally people would wear western type clothes? Is that right?
- Esther: Yes, jeans and shirts. It depends on where you're going. If you're going to an office then you have to dress up properly as well. But if you're just going around shopping or malling with friends, then you wear ordinary clothes like t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sleeveless...
- Richard: You say 'mallng'. Is that a verb? To mall. To go to the shopping mall?
- Esther: I think so. It is. We use that in the Philippines. We go mallng today.
- Richard: Oh wow!
- Esther: That means we go around malls from one shop to another. Doing window shopping or buying things. But definitely. It's basically mean to walk in the mall the whole day. To spend time there.
- Richard: Great. OK so we'll leave you in the mall for this week's podcastsinenglish.com. Thanks very much Esther.