

Intermediate 3
Unit 7 Dialog
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Buying a New Piece of Furniture

Point:

The word "furniture" is uncountable. We can't add plural "s" to it or use the article "a" before it.

Don't Say: I bought two **furnitures**.

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Don't Say: Where are the **furnitures**?

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Dove is at a furniture store trying to find a sofa bed for one of her bedrooms.

sofa bed = a sofa that opens to form a bed

Dove: Excuse me. I'm looking for a comfortable sofa bed for a guest room.

Salesman: Yes, ma'am. Look at this one. It's on sale for \$400.

ma'am = madam

on sale = offered at a lower price; offered with a discount

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Salesperson: I can assure you that this is an ideal choice for a guest room.

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When "pretty" is used as an adverb of degree before an adjective, it can have two meanings:

- pretty = rather ➔ The stress is on "pretty", not on the following adjective.
- pretty = very ➔ The stress is on the following adjective, not on "pretty".

Examples:

- John is **pretty** tired. → pretty = rather; fairly
- John is pretty **tired**. → pretty = very; so

assure = to tell someone confidently that something is true, especially so that they do not worry

I can assure you = I can promise; I can guarantee

ideal /aɪ'di:əl/ = perfect or the best possible

Dove: Yes, but I'm worried about the color. White gets dirty so easily.

Salesperson: Well, it's essential that you remove any spots right away.

essential = necessary

remove = clean, delete

spot = a small, usually round area of color that is differently colored or lighter or darker than the surface around it

right away = immediately

Dove: Still, I'll have to think about it. It's a big purchase.

Salesperson: Sure, I just hope you make the right decision.

still = yet, but

purchase = the act of buying something

sure = certainly, of course

make a decision = decide

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Sample Summary:

Dove visited a furniture store in search of a sofa bed for her guest room. A salesman showed her a sofa bed priced at \$400, highlighting its suitability for a guest room. Dove found it comfortable but had reservations about the color, expressing concern over the maintenance of a white sofa bed. The salesman advised prompt cleaning for any spots. Despite the salesman's assurances, Dove remained undecided, considering it a significant purchase and needing time to think it over. The salesman respected her decision-making process, hoping she would make a choice that she's happy with.

Sample Summary (Simple Version):

Dove went to a furniture store to find a sofa bed for her guest room. A salesman showed her one that cost \$400 and said it would be great for a guest room. Dove thought it was comfortable but worried about keeping a white sofa bed clean. The salesman suggested cleaning any spots quickly. Even with his advice, Dove wasn't sure and wanted more time to decide because it was an important purchase. The salesman understood and hoped she would make a choice she felt good about.

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