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Larry 和李华今天去逛街买衣服。Larry 看到李华买了一大包衣服，简直吃惊。今天李华会学到两个常用语：clotheshorse 和 shell out。

LL: Wow, Li Hua! How many clothes do you need? You're a real clotheshorse, aren't you?

LH: 哎哟！这些衣服都在大减价，不买可惜耶！对了，你又在说我什么啦？什么是 clotheshorse？

LL: A clotheshorse is someone who is concerned about fashion and likes to collect a lot of clothes.

LH: Clotheshorse 就是指爱时髦，喜欢买很多衣服的人。我不觉得我是 clotheshorse 啊！我来美国念书后，胖了很多，旧衣服已经穿不下了，所以我才需要买些新衣服嘛！

LL: I think that's just an excuse to go shopping! You don't look like you've gained weight to me.

LH: Larry, 是真的，我没有骗你，我真的胖了不少！

LL: I guess I'll take your word for it. Are you sure you're not a clotheshorse? Didn't you just go shopping a few weeks ago?

LH: 我几个星期前去买衣服了？你弄错了人吧。我已经有一年多没有买衣服了！再说，我也不是什么追求时髦的人，你怎么能说我是个 clotheshorse？

LL: I'm just teasing you. My mother is a true clotheshorse. She has a huge, walk-in closet and it is completely filled with clothes. She loves to buy clothes.

LH: 你妈妈这么喜欢买衣服啊？难怪她总是打扮的很漂亮，而且她的衣服看来都很新。

LL: It's funny, but my sister didn't inherit my mother's tendencies. She's not a clotheshorse at all.

LH: 你妹妹不喜欢买衣服吗？女孩子不喜欢买衣服，那可不多。

LL: My sister hates going shopping. She would be happy if she could wear the same t-shirt and jeans every day of the year.

LH: 真的？你妹妹宁可每天穿同样的 T 恤和牛仔裤？看来，不是每个女人都是 clotheshorse。

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LL: Hey, Li Hua, how much money did you shell out to buy clothes today?

LH: Shell out? 那是什么意思?

LL: To shell out money means to pay for something.

LH: 噢, to shell out money 就是花钱的意思, 你是问我今天花了多少钱买这些衣服? 其实每件衣服都打了折扣, 所以我没花太多钱。

LL: I'm just curious how much you have to shell out to fill up that huge shopping bag with women's clothing.

LH: 你好奇? 这可奇怪了, 你怎么会突然间对女人衣服的价钱感兴趣? 你也想买一些啊?

LL: No! I'm just curious, that's all. I've heard that women's clothes are more expensive than men's clothes.

LH: 你只是想知道女装是不是比男装贵。其实只要你懂得怎么找减价的衣服, 你并不需要花大笔钱买衣服啊!

LL: Next time I have to buy clothes, I'll ask you for help. I never bother to look for sales and I always end up shelling out more than I should.

LH: 没问题! 买衣服, 找折扣品, 我最在行了, 我一定帮你!

LL: Well, while we're at the mall, why don't you help me find a good deal on a pair of jeans.

LH: 找牛仔裤? 没问题! 你通常都花多少钱买一件牛仔裤?

LL: I usually shell out around \$40.00.

LH: 40 块啊? 我能帮你找到一件 20 块的牛仔裤, 怎么样?

LL: That's awesome!

今天李华学到两个常用语。一个是 clotheshorse, 是形容一个讲究穿着, 喜欢买衣服的人。另一个常用语是 shell out, 也就是“付出”, 尤其指付钱买东西的意思。