

# V8.2 – The Big Bang Theory: Sheldon Buys a Gift Basket

## Part 1 – Topic Speaking: Shopping

Directions: Discuss the following questions with a partner.

1. Where is the best place to shop in your country?
2. Have you ever shopped in another country?
3. Have you ever been to a night market?
4. Have you ever worked in a shop or store?
5. Do you prefer to shop online or at a brick&mortar store?
6. Have you ever bought fake (counterfeit) products?
7. Do you enjoy shopping for other people?
8. How often do you go shopping?
9. What are the pros/cons of shopping at a traditional market and a modern market?
10. What are the differences between shop worker etiquette in your country compared to other countries?

## Part 2A - Vocabulary Review:

Directions: Discuss the meaning with a partner. Next, review as a class.

Vocabulary	*	Definition or Translation
1. assault	3	
2. terrifying	5	
3. scented	6	
4. promote(s)	6	
5. presuppose(s)	7	
6. tense	7	
7. insufficient	14	
8. proceed	14	
9. infer	16	
10. colleague(s)	18	

\*NOTE: the number indicates where the vocabulary is located in the script.

## Part 2B - Vocabulary Speaking:

Directions: Choose 5 vocabulary words and create a question. Next, discuss your questions with a partner.

Word	Question
Ex: tough	What is the <i>toughest</i> course you have ever taken?
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

## Part 3 – Script & Video

Directions: Complete Back2Back Reading (see Script below), then watch the video.

## Part 4 - Comprehension Questions:

Directions: Discuss with a partner then review as a class.

1. Where did this episode take place?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Howard and Raj bring Sheldon to the bath store?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why did Sheldon refuse Howard’s suggestion to build Penny a bear?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why did Howards’ line presuppose that Penny is tense?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the conundrum that Sheldon experienced?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did Sheldon refuse to buy the basket Howard picked for him?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did Sheldon ask the woman working in the store to infer?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How did the woman respond?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Part 5 – Writing:

Directions: In 2 to 3 sentences, write your opinion about the video.

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## A – Back2Back Reading

**Directions:** Read 'odd' numbers +  
Listen & fill in 'even' numbers



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2. **Howard:** You're \_\_\_\_\_. You've got lotions and bath oils and soaps, that's the estrogen hat \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Sheldon:** What it is, is a cacophonous assault of eucalyptus, bayberry, cinnamon and vanilla. It's as if my head were trapped in the pajamas of a sultan.

4. **Raj:** Sheldon, if you don't like this \_\_\_\_\_, let's just go next door and \_\_\_\_\_ her a bear.

5. **Sheldon:** I told you before, bears are terrifying.

6. **Howard:** Come on, bath stuff, it's perfect! You got a \_\_\_\_\_ candle, a \_\_\_\_\_ buff, spearmint and green tea scented bath oil, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

7. **Sheldon:** That presupposes Penny is tense.

8. **Raj:** She knows you. She's \_\_\_\_\_. We all are. Buy a basket!

9. **Howard:** Excuse me, we're ready.

10. **Sheldon:** No, we're not. Let's say for a moment that I \_\_\_\_\_ the bath item gift \_\_\_\_\_, I now lay the following conundrum at your feet, which size?

11. **Howard:** This one. Let's go.

12. **Sheldon:** You put no \_\_\_\_\_ into that.

13. **Howard:** I'm sorry. Uh, this one. Let's go!

14. **Sheldon:** I have \_\_\_\_\_ data to \_\_\_\_\_. Excuse me, miss?

15. **Assistant:** Yes?

16. **Sheldon:** If I were to give you this gift basket, \_\_\_\_\_ that action alone and no other data, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ relationship that \_\_\_\_\_ between us.

17. **Assistant:** Excuse me?

18. **Sheldon:** Here. Now, are we friends? \_\_\_\_\_? Lovers? Are you my grandmother?

19. **Assistant:** I don't understand what you're talking about and you're making me a little uncomfortable.

20. **Howard:** See? \_\_\_\_\_ just like you and Penny. We'll take it.

## B – Back2Back Reading

**Directions:** Read 'even' numbers +  
Listen & fill in 'odd' numbers



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9. **Howard:** Excuse me, we're \_\_\_\_\_.

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the hypothetical relationship that exists between us.

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### Part 4 - Comprehension Questions & Answers

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
<p><b>1. Where did this episode take place? (line 1-20)</b></p> <p>The conversation took place at a bath store.</p>
<p><b>2. Why did Howard and Raj bring Sheldon to the bath store? (line 1-6)</b></p> <p>Howard and Raj brought Sheldon to the bath store because they have lotions, bath oils and soap which women like.</p>
<p><b>3. Why did Sheldon refuse Howard's suggestion to build Penny a bear? (line 1-6)</b></p> <p>Sheldon refused Howard's suggestion to build Penny a bear because he thinks bears are terrifying.</p>
<p><b>4. Why did Howard's line presuppose that Penny is tense? (line 6-7)</b></p> <p>Howard's line presupposes that Penny is tense because he said that bath stuff promotes relaxation.</p>
<p><b>5. What was the conundrum that Sheldon experienced?</b></p> <p>The conundrum that Sheldon experienced was which size of basket he should buy for Penny.</p>
<p><b>6. Why did Sheldon refuse to buy the basket Howard picked for him? (line 11-14)</b></p> <p>Sheldon refused to buy the basket Howard picked for him because he thought there was insufficient data to determine if that basket was the best choice.</p>
<p><b>7. What did Sheldon ask the woman working in the store to infer? (line 14-20)</b></p> <p>Sheldon asked the woman working in the store to infer the hypothetical relationship that exists between them when he gives her the basket.</p>
<p><b>8. How did the woman respond? (line 14-20)</b></p> <p>The woman responded that she does not understand what he is saying and that he is making her uncomfortable.</p>