Confecciones La Última Moda

Preparation:

- Activate/build background knowledge about the task: ¿Dónde compras tu ropa? ¿y tus zapatos? ¿Qué diferencia hay entre ir a un gran supermercado a comparlos o a una tienda pequeña especializada? Si compras un artículo para otra persona ¿cómo se calcula el tamaño de la ropa? ¿Cómo se miden las tallas?
- Discuss cultural issues relevant to task: In Spanish-speaking countries sizes and measurements are different from the ones used in the U.S. Those countries use the metric system and sizes are measured in centimeters, weight in grams and kilograms, and so on. In addition, clothes tend to be more expensive, so people tend to take good care of them. They wash many things by hand and hang them up to dry, as dryers are not very common.

  It is also common for mothers to buy clothes and shoes a size too large so that children will “grow into them.”
- Brainstorm language needed to accomplish task (refer to phrases and vocabulary in Visitor’s Guide to Españolandia)
- Model pronunciation of phrases and vocabulary

Practice:

- Review Visitor’s Guide in pairs
- Conduct role plays in pairs. The following situation may be useful for more advanced students:

  **Student:** You want to buy a t-shirt and some shoes but don’t know your size in Spanish. Find out your size and describe the articles (size, color, style) to the clerk.

  **Clerk:** Help the customers find out their size, and show them what they ask for.

Note: Size equivalents between the U.S. and Spanish-speaking countries are available at websites such as [http://www.botteroski.com/Negozio/es/Scripts/convTaglie.asp](http://www.botteroski.com/Negozio/es/Scripts/convTaglie.asp)

- Prepare a skit based on the task

Presentation:

- Call on a few pairs of students to present their role plays to the class.
- Organize an open air market where the students can buy and sell different clothing articles, shoes and complements such as hair bands, bracelets, watches, backpacks, purses, etc.