

# Consumption Part 1

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## THE CUSTOMER'S PSYCHOLOGY



## USEFUL LANGUAGE -CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### **Showing interest**

- How can I help? - Right, OK, Mmm, - Really? - Yes, No, Ok go on

- That's interesting. - Let's hear the full story...

### Asking for details

- So what happened? - How did you deal with it?

- What did you do next? - What did you like about it?

#### Clarifying

- Yes, that's right. - What do you mean by...? - Are you saying ...? - Have I got this right?

### **Showing Empathy**

- How awful! - I understand how you feel.

- I know what you mean. - I understand you're upset.

## **VOCABULARY - INSIDE** THE SHOP

Bar code Code-barre Basket Panier

Cash register Caisse (enregistreuse) Checkout (counter)

Caisse (de sortie)

Counter Comptoir

Consumer goods Biens de consommation Department Rayon (grand magasin)

Design Plan

Produits alimentaires Foodstuffs

Goods Marchandises

Item Article

Disposition/Agencement Lay-out

Manufactured goods Produits manufacturés

Produit **Product** 

Section

Shelf

Range of products Gamme de produits Rayon (supermarché)

Etagère/Gondole

Stall Etal Trolley Chariot

## **IDIOMS & EXPRESSIONS**

An ugly/rough customer: a bad person. An awkward customer: a person who is strict.

An odd/queer customer: a strange

person/client.

At all costs: to want something absolutely. It costs the earth: it's very expensive.

I won't buy that!: I don't believe you!

I will buy it!: I believe you!



'Customer satisfaction is a rating. Customer loyalty is a brand.' Shep Hyken