

## Di Lemma goes Christmas Shopping



It was the first weekend in December and Di Lemma was very excited, he was going Christmas Shopping with one of his favourite Aunts. He had saved his pocket money to get his mum and dad some lovely presents, so he now had £15 to spend. Although, he was a little nervous as he had never done this before and wasn't sure what presents to get them.

When his Auntie arrived, Di Lemma was desperate to go, but his Auntie wanted a cup of tea first. She said that there was no rush, she would have a drink and a chat with his mum and then they would go. Di Lemma was still very excited but started to worry about the time and how long the shops would be open for.

**Do you think it is fair that his Auntie is making Di Lemma wait?**  
**Do you go Christmas Shopping?**  
**What could Di Lemma do to make his Christmas shopping easier?**

Di Lemma and his Auntie left for the shops in the car and talked about all the things they could buy. Di Lemma's Auntie decided that she would let him have a look in some of the shops on his own and that she would wait outside. His Aunt tried to give him some advice about not rushing into buying things straight away but Di Lemma was so excited he did not really listen and dashed into the first shop they came to.

In the shop he saw a beautiful scarf for his mum, in a rush he bought it without checking it or the price. When the lady gave him his change and receipt he only had £5 left. Di Lemma was concerned that he did not have enough money for a gift for his dad.

### **What could Di Lemma have done to avoid this problem?**

Di Lemma looked around a few more shops with his Aunt and saw a DVD he knew his dad wanted, however he did not have enough money to buy it. He was very disappointed. While Di Lemma was waiting outside the cake shop for his Aunt he noticed a man selling DVDs from a rucksack, he went over and had a look and was thrilled to see the DVD he wanted to buy his dad. The DVD was only £5, when it was £11.99 in the shop. In his excitement Di Lemma bought the DVD and returned to meet his Aunt.

### **Do you think that Di Lemma should have bought the DVD from this person? Do you think there might be problems with this? Do you think it is safe to buy goods like this?**

As Di Lemma and his Aunt sat in the car eating the cakes she had bought for them, she asked to look at the gifts. The first gift was the scarf, as soon as she looked at it she noticed it was damaged; it had a tear in it. Then they looked at the DVD and his Aunt said it looked counterfeit, Di Lemma asked what this meant and his Aunt said that it meant it was a fake copy and probably wouldn't work. Di Lemma was very upset, but his Aunt said they would go back to the shops straight away, return the goods and ask for his money back.

### **Can you think of any problems Di Lemma might have trying to get his money back? Who could help him with this?**

Di Lemma and his Aunt returned to the shop where the scarf had been bought, his Aunt explained that it was damaged and that they wanted their money back. The lady was nice but said they couldn't be sure that the scarf had come from their shop. However Di Lemma had the receipt which proved when and where he had bought it. Therefore the shop had to offer him a replacement or refund his money.

### **What does refund mean? Why do you think the shop offered a replacement or refund?**

**If the shop refused to help D-Lemma they would be committing a civil offence, discuss with you teacher what this might mean. What do you think could happen to the shop, if the shop refused to offer either to Di Lemma?**

Next, they tried to find the man who was selling the DVDs; they looked around the shopping area but could not see him. Di Lemma asked a policeman nearby if he had seen him; the policeman told Di Lemma that the DVD seller had committed a criminal offence by selling the DVDs. The policeman said it was also very unlikely that Di Lemma would be able to get his money back, but if the man was seen selling them again he would be arrested.

**Why do you think the DVD seller would be arrested? What are the problems with buying DVDs from someone selling them out of a bag on the street?**

On the way home Di Lemma was disappointed that his shopping trip had been a bit of a disaster. However he had managed to get some of his money back and his Aunt said she would take him again tomorrow BUT... they would do things differently!

**What do you think they could do differently? Discuss what they should not do again!**

**Which trader do you think was the worst and why? What punishment should they receive if they did not assist Di Lemma with his shopping problems?**

Di Lemma says bye until next time.....