



1. rimless glasses  
[ˌrɪmləs ˈglɑːsɪz]
2. eye chart [ˈaɪ tʃɑːt]
3. frames [freɪmz]
4. glasses case  
[ˈglɑːsɪz keɪs]
5. bifocals [ˌbaɪˈfəʊkəlz]
6. glasses cloth  
[ˈglɑːsɪz klɒθ]
7. glasses [ˈglɑːsɪz],  
spectacles [ˈspektəkəlz]  
UK, specs [speks] ifml,  
eyeglasses [ˈaɪglɑːsɪz]  
N. Am.
8. bridge [brɪdʒ]
9. temple [ˈtempəl],  
earpiece [ˈɪəriːs],  
arm [ɑːm]
10. hinge [hɪndʒ]
11. nose pad [ˈnəʊz pæd]
12. lens [lenz]
13. disposable wipes  
[dɪˈspəʊzəbəl ˌwaɪps]
14. contacts [ˈkɒntæktz],  
contact lenses  
[ˈkɒntækt lenzɪz]
15. contact lens solution  
[ˈkɒntækt lenz  
səˌluːʃən]

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## VOCABULARY

# At the optician's

*Most people who wear glasses are either short-sighted or long-sighted. But glasses have also become a fashion accessory. ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents the language you'll need to shop at the optician's.*

**MEDIUM PLUS**

### Buying glasses

Assistant: Can I help you?

**Clare:** Yes. I've just **had my eyes tested**. Here's the **prescription** your optometrist gave me.

Assistant: Ah, yes. Have you **worn glasses** before? Or **contacts**?

**Clare:** No, neither. I **had 20/20 vision** until recently. But lately, I've been having difficulty reading, especially in dim light. My husband keeps telling me to stop **squinting**.

Assistant: Ah, well, most people become **long-sighted** as they grow older.

**Clare:** I bought myself a **pair of ready readers** — you know, those cheap **reading glasses** that you can find everywhere...

Assistant: We definitely don't recommend those. You can **ruin your eye-sight** with the wrong **lenses**. Have you thought about trying **varifocals**? We have a special offer at just £199. That includes **scratch-resistant, reflection-free lenses**...

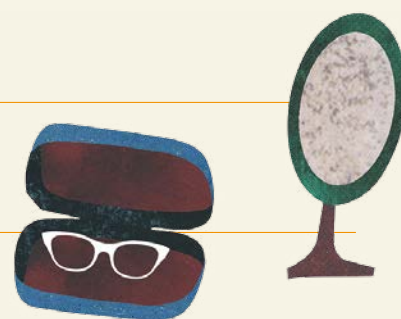
**Clare:** Does that mean they're **tinted**?

Assistant: No, no, the lenses are **colourless**. The offer comes with a **spare pair** or a pair of **prescription sunglasses**. Why don't you try on a few **frames** to see what suits you?

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### PRACTICE

Now try the following exercises to practise talking about going to the optician's.



Exercise 1	E
<p><u>Odd</u> one out: Cross out the one word in each line that does not match the others.</p> <p>A. optometrist   ready readers   spectacles   sunglasses</p> <p>B. reflection-free   scratch-resistant   short-sighted   tinted</p> <p>C. contact lenses   disposable wipes   glasses case   glasses cloth</p>	

Exercise 2	M
<p>Complete each definition below with the correct form of a suitable verb. You can find all the verbs in the dialogue on the opposite page.</p> <p>A. If you have to _____ glasses or contact lenses, you probably have problems with your eyesight.</p> <p>B. If you _____, you close your eyes slightly to try to see something better.</p> <p>C. If a style of glasses _____ you, it makes you look good.</p> <p>D. If you _____ a pair of glasses, you put it on to see if it fits and how it looks.</p> <p>E. If something _____ your eyesight, it badly and permanently <u>affects</u> your ability to see.</p>	

Exercise 3	A
<p>Match the sentence halves to define the words.</p> <p>A. "Glasses" are... 1. lenses that you wear on your eyes to help you see better.</p> <p>B. "Bifocals" are... 2. glasses with lenses that are not surrounded by frames.</p> <p>C. "Rimless glasses" are... 3. the ability to see normally without wearing glasses.</p> <p>D. "Contacts" are... 4. made up of two lenses on a frame that rests on the nose and ears.</p> <p>E. "20/20 vision" is... 5. glasses of which each lens consists of two parts.</p>	

Exercise 4	A
<p>Complete the sentences with the words from the list.</p> <p><b>hinges   nose pads   temples   wipes</b></p> <p>A. These frames have flexible _____, so you can bend the arms beyond a 90-degree <u>angle</u>.</p> <p>B. The _____ on these metal frames curve around the ear, so they are ideal for doing sports.</p> <p>C. The soft rubber _____ allow your glasses to rest comfortably on your nose.</p> <p>D. All our <u>prescription</u> glasses come with a stylish case and a box of disposable _____.</p>	

### From far and near

If you cannot see things clearly that are far away from you, you are probably **short-sighted**. The American English word is **near-sighted**.

If you cannot see things clearly that are close to you, you are probably **long-sighted**, or **far-sighted** in American English.

**affect** [ə'fekt]  
 • hier: beeinträchtigen

**angle** ['æŋɡəl]  
 • Winkel

**odd** [ɒd]  
 • unpassend

**optometrist** [ɒp'tɒmətrɪst]  
 • Augenoptiker(in)

**prescription glasses** [pri'skrɪpʃən, glɑ:sɪz]  
 • Korrektionsbrille, Brille auf Rezept

### Answers

- A. optometrist (the others are different kinds of glasses)

B. short-sighted (the other adjectives describe the features of lenses)

C. contact lenses (the other objects are things you need if you wear glasses)
- A. wear

B. squint

C. suits

D. try on

E. ruins
- A-4; B-5; C-2; D-1; E-3
- A. hinges

B. temples

C. nose pads

D. wipes