

There are many people, specifically women, who love shopping. They feel that since they go shopping quite often that they are addicted to it. In reality, what most of these people do not know is that shopping is probably just a hobby for them. In some cases, however, people become extremely obsessed with shopping. A shopaholic is a person who craves and desires to shop all the time. Shopaholics are addicted to spending money, highly persistent and determined, and put shopping before all other priorities.

Shopaholics have no control over spending their money. When they are out shopping, prices do not concern them. The thrill of receiving what they have purchased is what makes shopaholics happy, not worrying about how much money they are actually losing. About a year ago, I saw an article in the newspaper about my childhood soccer coach. The article said that he had stolen money, nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, from a soccer foundation, ~~He did this~~ because he was not making a good living. My coach always had to have nice cars and go on expensive vacations. He never cared about how much anything cost or how he would get the money.

Shopaholics are also very persistent and determined people. They know what they are shopping for, and they do not stop shopping until they get what they want. A good example of this would have to be what happens on Black Friday. All of the real shopaholics come out on this day. They get up early in the morning to fight the crowds ^{and}. ~~These people~~ will stand in line for hours as long as they can buy as much as possible. They also are persistent about getting all of the good deals that morning. The day after

Black Friday is when the news shows the chaos that went on at the malls the day before.

In the past, I have heard stories about how people have argued and fought over items because they were the last ones left. Shopaholics can really bring out their mean side when they are shopping.

The characteristic that truly makes people shopaholics is they put shopping before all other priorities. For a shopaholic, shopping comes before work, school, family events, or any other event that most people would consider more important than shopping. Shopaholics are addicted to shopping like alcoholics are addicted to alcohol. I remember a specific time when my grandma, who I consider a shopaholic, was late for a mass that was being offered to my grandfather. My whole family was at church waiting for her because this was an important event that we felt all of us should attend. She said the reason for being late was that there was a huge sale at her favorite store that she had to go to. Every time my grandma is late, it is usually because she was out shopping first.

It is often hard to distinguish if someone is a shopaholic, or if shopping is just a hobby for him or her. There are not many people that are considered shopaholics because most people just have a love for shopping, not an actual addiction to it. If people are addicted to spending money, persistent and determined, and consider shopping their number one priority, they are known as shopaholics.

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