

Our Task Review goes over a hypothetical grocery shopping situation and the tasks that a household encounters during a typical grocery shopping experience.

1. Make List & Budget

Eric has discovered that there is no more orange juice in the fridge of his apartment. Eric needs to have orange juice for breakfast tomorrow. His roommate says that they are out of eggs, too. Eric finds that they are down to their last box of cereal. He has a notepad on the kitchen counter. Eric then talks to his housemates to ask them what groceries they need. He has \$300 in his checking account and his next payday is in 12 days. They have two other housemates, Grant and Peter, who are at the library, but Antonio remembers that Grant needs more Scooby Doo Fruit Snacks. They received a sales newsletter in the last week from QFC showing the discounts for the month. They put together a grocery list that details the groceries they need to buy.

2. Go to the Grocery Store

Now, the roommates know what groceries are needed. Eric has a mid-nineties beat up family-sized sedan. Antonio is free to help Eric with the grocery shopping. Their closest grocery store is the QFC in U-Village, which is about a 10 minute drive without traffic. He also has a QFC Advantage card that will give him discounts for food and gas. They have a grocery list that details what is needed from the grocery store.

3. At the Grocery Store

In the store, Eric and Antonio first see promotional ads that are posted outside the store. There are plenty of shopping carts available. They know where in the store most of the items on their list are located. Eric has decided that he can only afford to spend \$80 on groceries today. Eric also only drinks Simply Orange orange juice, and hates Tropicana. They notice there is a “buy 3; get 1” deal on Honey Nut Cheerios, their favorite cereal. They do not need 4 boxes of cereal, but they think Grant will want a box because he likes Cheerios. They both get a text from Peter who is asking them to get him a lot of beer for a party tomorrow. After a while, they locate everything on their shopping list.

4. Paying for groceries

Eric and Antonio have successfully located everything on their grocery list. They also got the beer that Peter requested they buy. Eric and Antonio make their way to the Checkout area. Eric has no cash, but he has a debit card and a QFC Advantage Card. There are 4 lines and at least 3 people waiting in each line. The self-checkout line is available and no one is waiting to use it.

They pay for the items using Eric's debit card and QFC Advantage membership to take advantage of all the deals. Antonio helps Eric bag all the items and load it into the cart.

5. Storing Groceries

Once Eric and Antonio are done shopping, they return home. Once they are at home, Eric and Antonio have several bags of groceries in Eric's car that need to be stored in their apartment. The pantry and fridge have space available because they were out of things that normally go in the pantry and fridge in the first place. Some groceries need to go to individuals' rooms, for example, Grant wants his Scooby Doo Fruit Snacks to go on his desk and Peter wants his beer put into the mini-fridge he has in his room. Eventually, Eric and Antonio successfully store the groceries in their appropriate places.

6. Manage Money

Eric and Antonio had just completed a shopping trip for the house. Eric spent \$80 out of his checking account to pay for the groceries and used a small, but still significant, amount of gas to complete the trip. Eric understands that he will be compensated for the cost of groceries and his housemates know they are on the hook for a fraction of the total cost of the groceries they share. Peter has no cash at the moment; his checking account is also empty and his paycheck does not arrive for another three days. After a few days, Eric manages to square all grocery debts with his roommates.