

Buying Groceries

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

loaf

Noun

/loʊf/ a long piece of bread that can be cut into slices

I need two **loaves** of bread.

groceries

Noun

/ˈɡrəʊsərɪz/ food, drinks, etc., that you buy in a store

You can buy all sorts of **groceries** at this supermarket.

grocery store

Noun

/ˈɡrəʊsəriː stɔːr/ a shop that sells food and other things used at home

That's the only **grocery store** in town.

price

Noun

/praɪs/ the amount of money that something costs

The **prices** of fruit and vegetables are quite low at this shop.

store clerk

Noun

/stɔːr klɜːk/ a person whose job is to help customers in a shop

The **store clerk** counted the money carefully.

change

Noun

/tʃeɪndʒ/ money that you get back if you pay too much for something

Here's your **change**.

Exercise 2

Useful Expressions

- Excuse me?
- How much is it?
- Do you want anything else?
- Have a nice day.

Exercise 3

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

David is buying something at the grocery store. He approaches the store clerk.

David



Excuse me?

Clerk



May I help you?

David



Yes. Where is the price tag on this cereal box?

Clerk



It's on the bottom, sir.



David

Oh! There it is. Alright. I want to buy three boxes, please.



Clerk

Do you want anything else?



David

I want two loaves of wheat bread.



Clerk

Sure. That's three boxes of cereal and two loaves of wheat bread. Is that all?



David

Yes. That's it. How much is it?



Clerk

That will be \$7.85.



David

Seven eighty-five?



Clerk

Yes.



David

Here's ten dollars.

Clerk

Your change is two dollars and fifteen cents. Here you are.



David



Thank you.

Clerk



Have a nice day.

Check your understanding:

1. What did David buy at the grocery store?
2. How much did he give the store clerk for the groceries?
3. How much change did he get?

Exercise 4

Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

1. Why did Carol go to the supermarket?
 - A. She went to the supermarket because she wanted to buy some groceries and drinks for her party.
 - B. Carol wanted to make dinner for her movie night.
2. Did Carol shop alone?
 - A. Yes, Carol found all she wanted to buy by herself.
 - B. No, Carol needed help from the store clerk.
3. What did Carol buy at the supermarket?
 - A. She bought some fruit, spices, and drinks.
 - B. Carol bought spices, vegetables, and beverages.
4. How much was Carol's bill?

- A. Carol's bill was \$50.
 - B. She paid \$47.
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Exercise 5

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

- You are a customer and your teacher is a store clerk.
 - Ask your teacher to help you find what you need.
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Exercise 6

Discussion

1. Do you buy groceries at a grocery store or a supermarket?
2. What do you usually buy there?
3. How often do you go there?
4. How do you usually pay for your groceries, by credit card or cash?
5. What is the most expensive food you have ever bought?