

Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

Focus

Shopping

Aim

To practice language for buying and selling items in a shop.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards and cut into shopping lists, shop names and shopping items as indicated.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this shopping role-play game, students act as customers and shop assistants, and practice buying and selling items in a shop.

Procedure

Before you begin the activity, pre-teach or revise language for buying and selling items in a shop with the class.

Next, divide the class into six groups and have each group sit around a table.

Give each group a shop name card and a corresponding numbered shopping list.

Have the students fold the card along the line and stand it up on the table to show the name of their shop, e.g. bakery. Also, give each group a set of corresponding picture cards showing the shopping items they have for sale.

Explain that the aim of the activity is to be the first group to buy all the items on their shopping list.

To do this, each group sends out one student (the customer) from their group to buy the first item on their shopping list.

Tell the students that only one student can go shopping at a time and that the students left waiting at the table take it in turns to be the shop assistant for their shop.

The customer then goes to what they think is the right shop and begins a conversation with the shop assistant, e.g. 'Hi, have you got...?'

If the shop assistant has the item, they sell it to the customer and hand over the shopping item picture card.

If the shop assistant doesn't have the item, the customer should go and find the right shop.

When the customer has the shopping item, they return to their group and the second customer goes off in search of the next item on the list.

The first group to buy all the items on their shopping list wins.

When everyone has finished, have the groups swap their materials and play a second round and so on.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

Shopping lists

Shopping list 1

three lamb chops
 two packets of potato chips
 a watermelon
 two cartons of yogurt
 a tube of toothpaste
 lip stick

Shopping list 2

two bottles of cola
 a chicken
 five croissants
 asparagus
 200 grams of cheese
 a loaf of bread

Shopping list 3

a bottle of aspirin
 four chocolate chip cookies
 two steaks
 a newspaper
 four bananas
 some sweetcorn

Shopping list 4

a carton of milk
 a bottle of vitamins
 two chocolate doughnuts
 six sausages
 a magazine
 five bottles of water

Shopping list 5

three carrots
 500 grams of bacon
 a packet of razors
 a loaf of French bread
 300 grams of ham
 ten eggs

Shopping list 6

a chocolate bar
 some grapes
 a packet of coffee
 some plasters
 four muffins
 a packet of sweets

Shop names

1

2

3

BAKERY

PHARMACY

SUPERMARKET

4

5

6

GREENGROCER'S

NEWSAGENT'S

BUTCHER'S

Shopping items

Bakery

Pharmacy

Supermarket

Greengrocer's

Newsagent's

Butcher's



					
					
					
					
					
					