

Activity Type

Reading, writing,
listening and speaking
activity, group work

Focus

Shopping

Asking and saying how
much things cost

How much is/are...?

Aim

To practice asking and
saying how much things
cost.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
shop cards and two
copies of the shopping
list cards for each group
of eight and cut as
indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

Here is a shopping role-play activity to help students practice asking and saying how much things cost.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of eight. Smaller groups are also possible by removing shopping list cards.

Give four students a shop card each. These students are shop assistants in the shop named at the top of their card.

Give the other students a shopping list each. These students are shoppers.

Explain that the students are going to practice asking and saying how much things cost. You may want to model on the board language such as 'How much is/are...?' or '... is \$...'.

The aim of the activity is for the shoppers to save the most money possible by finding out the cost of each item on their shopping list in the four shops and buying each item from the cheapest place.

Have the students with the shop cards sit spread out.

The shoppers ask the price of the items on their list to each shop assistant in turn, noting down the prices on their shopping list.

Next, the shoppers compare the prices, go to the shops with the cheapest items and buy them.

The shoppers then calculate the total amount of money they spent and write it on their list.

When they have finished, have the students swap roles.

Have the shop assistants give their shop cards to the shoppers and hand out a new set of shopping lists.

The students then repeat the activity.

Afterwards, the students with the same shopping lists compare their answers to check they have the same totals.

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

Fantastic Foods

bananas	32c each
apples	53c each
watermelons	85c each
peaches	45c each
oranges	57c each
tomatoes	31c each
green peppers	68c each
onions	44c each
chicken breast	\$1.22 each
bacon	\$3.10 per pack
sausages	\$3.78 per pack
salmon steak	\$4.35 each
cheese	\$4.10 per pack
eggs	\$1.25 per dozen
yogurt	\$1.59 per pack of four
chocolate	\$1.20 per bar
cereal	\$3.25 per box
tissues	90c per box
soap	95c per bar
soap powder	\$2.69 per box

Fast 'N Fresh

bananas	30c each
apples	51c each
watermelons	99c each
peaches	48c each
oranges	51c each
tomatoes	33c each
green peppers	64c each
onions	45c each
chicken breast	\$1.35 each
bacon	\$3.30 per pack
sausages	\$3.60 per pack
salmon steak	\$4.55 each
cheese	\$3.95 per pack
eggs	\$1.29 per dozen
yogurt	\$1.39 per pack of four
chocolate	\$1.45 per bar
cereal	\$3.05 per box
tissues	99c per box
soap	99c per bar
soap powder	\$2.60 per box

Shop and Save

bananas	35c each
apples	50c each
watermelon	90c each
peaches	50c each
oranges	49c each
tomatoes	35c each
green peppers	72c each
onions	49c each
chicken breast	\$1.29 each
bacon	\$3.05 per pack
sausages	\$3.99 per pack
salmon steak	\$4.45 each
cheese	\$3.99 per pack
eggs	\$1.34 per dozen
yogurt	\$1.60 per pack of four
chocolate	\$1.25 per bar
cereal	\$3.20 per box
tissues	89c per box
soap	97c per bar
soap powder	\$2.79 per box

Costcutters

bananas	31c each
apples	55c each
watermelon	95c each
peaches	42c each
oranges	56c each
tomatoes	36c each
green peppers	65c each
onions	42c each
chicken breast	\$1.40 each
bacon	\$3.50 per pack
sausages	\$3.85 per pack
salmon steak	\$4.10 each
cheese	\$3.80 per pack
eggs	\$1.40 per dozen
yogurt	\$1.49 per pack of four
chocolate	\$1.30 per bar
cereal	\$3.15 per box
tissues	95c per box
soap	90c per bar
soap powder	\$2.89 per box

Shopping list 1

four bananas

two green peppers

four chicken breasts

one pack of cheese

one box of soap powder

Notes:

Shopping list 2

three apples

one watermelon

two salmon steaks

four yogurts

four bars of soap

Notes:

Shopping list 3

six peaches

four oranges

one pack of sausages

a dozen eggs

one box of tissues

Notes:

Shopping list 4

five tomatoes

three onions

one pack of bacon

two bars of chocolate

two boxes of cereal

Notes: