

English Vocabulary – Shopping



Shop (UK) / Store (USA)



Customer



Cashier / Check-out



Wallet (M) / Purse (F)



Scales



PIN



Trolley (UK) / Cart (USA)



Basket



Changing Rooms (UK)
Fitting Rooms (USA)



Coins



Cash



Credit card / Debit card

Shopping Phrases/Questions

1) Finding a Shop/Store

Is there a supermarket near here?
Where can I buy toothpaste?
Where is the nearest shopping mall?

2) Opening Hours

What time do you open?
What time do you close?
Are you open on Sundays?

3) Shopping for Clothes

Can you help me?
I'm just looking.
Do you sell T-shirts?
Excuse me, I'm looking for scarfs.
Where can I find cellphones?
Can I try it on? (*)
Where are the changing rooms?
Do you have another size? (**)
Do you have different colors?
Is this in the sale? / Is this on sale?
Do you have my size?

4) Paying

How much is it?
Do you take Mastercard?
Can I get discount for cash?
I don't need a bag.
Can you deliver?

* try on = provar

** **Sizes:** S / M / L / XL / XXL

Exercise 1 - Shopping Conversations

Conversation 1

Shop Assistant

Good morning, madam. Can I _____ you?

_____, madam. What type of blouse?

What _____?

What _____?

Here it is.

Yes. The _____ are over there.

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How is it, madam?

It's \$42, madam. How would you like to _____?

No, I'm sorry, madam, we don't take cash.

Thank you madam. Here is your blouse and invoice.

Have a good _____, madam.

Customer

Yes please. I need a blouse.

Cotton.

Red or pink.

Medium, please.

Can I try it on?

Thanks.

It's great. I'll _____ it. How much is it?

Cash. Do you take cash?

Oh. OK, I'll pay by credit card. Here.

Thank you.

Thanks. You, _____.

Conversation 2

Shop Assistant

Good afternoon, sir. Can I _____ you?

Of course, sir. If you need any help, just call me.

Customer

No, thanks. I'm just _____.

Thanks.

Conversation 3

Shop Assistant

Good evening, sir. Can I _____ you?

OK sir. What _____?

I think so. One _____, please.

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Here they are, sir. Black jeans.

Would you like to _____ them on?

Just over there.

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How are the jeans, sir?

\$129. How would you like to _____?

I'm sorry, sir, we don't take Amex.

No problem. Please enter your _____.

Here are your jeans and _____.

Have a _____ day, sir.

Customer

Yes. I want some jeans.

Black. Do you _____ black?

Yes. Where are the changing _____?

Thanks.

Fantastic. I'll take them. How _____?

American Express.

Oh. OK. Mastercard?

Thank you.

You, too.

Supermarket – Quantities

Singular / Countable

a banana, strawberry, pie, tomato, ...
an apple, orange, egg, onion, ...

Plural / Countable

some grapes, oranges, eggs, bananas, tomatoes, sausages, carrots, ...

Uncountable

some milk*, orange juice, beer, coffee, rice, bread, honey, chocolate
(long life / fresh milk, whole milk / full cream, reduced fat / semi-skimmed, fat-free / skimmed, lactose-free, powdered)*

Containers (countable)

Examples

| | | | |
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| a | bottle of ... | (garrafa) | wine, olive oil, lemonade |
| a | carton of ... | (caixa/caixinha) (líquidos) | milk, orange juice |
| a | box of ... | (caixa) (bens secos) | eggs, matches, cereal |
| a | jar of ... | (pote de vidro) | honey, jam |
| a | bar of ... | (barra) | chocolate, soap, butter |
| a | bag of ... | (sacola/sacolinha) | sugar, rice, flour |
| a | packet of ... | (pacote) | cigarettes, biscuits |
| a | can of ... | (lata) (líquidos) | Coca-Cola, Fanta |
| a | tin of ... | (lata) (bens secos) | biscuits |
| a | pot of ... | (potinho) | yogurt, cream cheese |
| a | tube of ... | (tubo) | toothpaste, glue |
| a | tub of ... | (pote)(plástico) | margarine, strawberries, ice-cream |
| a | sachet of ... | (sachê) | ketchup, mayonnaise |
| a | multi-pack of ... | (bandeja) | yogurt, beer |
| a | kilogram / kilo of ... | | potatoes, carrots, oranges |
| a | loaf of ... | | bread (pão de forma) |

Supermarket units:

Weight: lb (pound), oz (ounce), g (gram), kg (kilogram)

Volume: gal (gallon), pt (pint), lt (liter), cl (centiliter), ml (milliliter)

Exercise 2: Describe the items.

Examples: a multi-pack of yogurt, a box of napkins, a box of chocolates, . etc.



Shopping in the supermarket in the USA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZ2iYEdroS8> (10 mins)



























Shopping in the supermarket in the UK:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AiO2U7Prwc (13 mins)

Shopping in the supermarket in Canada:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG-de6quWkE> (5 mins)

Exercise 3: I would like and

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|  | a loaf of bread |  | a bottle of olive oil |
|  | 1 kg of apples |  | some ham |
|  | some oranges |  | a can of Coca-Cola |
|  | a carton of milk |  | a watermelon |
|  | a cake |  | some bananas |
|  | some yogurt |  | an ice-lolly |
|  | some tomatoes |  | a bar of chocolate |
|  | some cheese |  | a jar of honey |
|  | a bottle of ketchup |  | a bag of rice |
|  | a box of eggs |  | a bag of beans |
|  | some beer |  | 1 kg of beef |
|  | a carton of orange juice |  | a frozen chicken |
|  | a coconut |  | a jar of jam |