

### Activity Type

Listening and speaking activity, group work

### Language 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 activity, 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.

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**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



					
					
					
					
					
					