

SHOPPING

GROCERY SHOPPING

Grocery shopping is an essential part of my daily routine. I go to the grocery store every day to buy the things I need for breakfast. Going shopping at a supermarket is convenient and easy. I just take the shopping trolley and then choose the products that I want from the shelves. Every morning, I buy milk and freshly baked goods from our bakery, such as bread rolls, bagels, croissants, and whole grain rolls. Sometimes, I also need butter, salami, cottage cheese, and cream cheese or different flavoured spreads. In addition, I often buy yoghurt with fruit or muesli and other milk products, such as cream, cheese, butter, milk, and sour cream.

My mother goes on a big grocery-shopping trip once a week I usually help her. We buy flour, sugar, macaroni and other forms of pasta, which is a favourite in our family. Our local grocery store has a rich variety of processed and precooked food that makes cooking easier. You can choose between different kinds of soups, sauces, cakes, and powdered dumplings. We also buy drinks, such as fruit juice, lemonade, mineral water, and tomato juice.

When we prepare for a celebration, we always buy beer, wine, champagne, cognac, or plumb brandy for our guests. We order desserts with fruit and whipped cream or a big chocolate layer cake at the nearby bakery. For the children, we buy ice cream, or more often, popsicles.

I am fond of sweets, so I never forget to stop by the candy shop. I am picky, but I always like to buy candies, cookies, chocolate, or some potato chips.

At the greengrocer's we buy tropical fruits, such as bananas, oranges, lemons, kiwis, grapefruits, pineapples, and dates. During the summer, the variety of fruits can be found at the store, such as watermelons, blackberries, currants, gooseberries, and raspberries. However, we like to have fresh fruit and berries from our garden. Throughout the summer we always have a good supply of home-grown apples, cherries, pears, strawberries, and plums.

Vegetables are an important part of our diet. We eat them either fresh or cooked. We usually cook recipes that include potatoes, carrots, celery, parsley, onions, tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, dill, cauliflower, sprouts, or spinach. We grow peas, beans, kohlrabi, and radishes in our garden. Our neighbours don't have a garden, so they buy vegetables at the market. They are satisfied with the quality and the wide variety of vegetables that are available at the market. Another advantage is that they buy their products direct from the farmer.

The butcher on the corner of our street has many customers. In his shop you can buy pork, beef, veal, lamb and mutton. These kinds of meat can be bought either pre-packaged or by weight. You can also choose from different kinds of specialities, such as hearts, livers, kidneys, and all kinds of fresh or smoked meats. In addition, the butcher sells pork specialities, such as sausages, and also poultry specialities, such as chicken, hen, goose, turkey, and duck.

My mother buys fish at the delicatessen. She buys mainly carp, trout, and salmon. My brother is very fond of the mixed mayonnaise salads that can also be bought at the delicatessen. When we prepare for a trip, we pack canned meat or dry salami, which keep well even in hot weather.

OTHER KINDS OF SHOPPING

When I want to do a lot of shopping very quickly, I go to a big shopping centre. They have a large variety of products available in several different stores all under one roof. The shop assistants serve us, give us professional advice, demonstrate the products, and wrap them up after we have bought them. The shopping centre has a multitude of different shops, for example, clothing stores for men, women, and children, sports shops, appliance stores, glass and pottery stores, photo shops, stationary stores, toy stores, shoe stores, furniture stores, fabric stores, and hardware stores. We can purchase or rent products with home delivery service. The shopping centre is open every day from 8:00 am until 10:00pm.

In the city, we also have additional stores, such as flower shops, bookshops, newsagents, and drugstores. The Italian restaurant, with its nice and quiet atmosphere, is popular among young people because the meals are served quickly, the food tastes really good, and the prices are reasonable. I regularly buy books at the bookstore in the main square. I also go to the music store to listen to the latest music. This is where I buy cassettes and CDs.

Many people who feel that they do not have time to go shopping choose products from catalogues. They just fill out the order form, specify the type, colour, and size, and then mail their order. In just a few days or weeks, the new products arrive in the mail. It is possible to buy washing machines, dishwashers, radios, CD players, and all kinds of other things through mail order.

Sometimes, salespeople selling cosmetics come to our door, offering to demonstrate their products. This gives an opportunity to decide if we want to buy something or not. These new sales methods save time and are convenient for busy people.

SERVICES

The availability of services makes people's lives easier. In fact most people can no longer imagine life without mechanics, hairstylists, chemists, manicurists, and dry-cleaners.

During the last few years, the quality of services has greatly improved. In cities and villages, you can find all sorts of services and craftsmen such as woodworkers, carpenters, shoemakers, painters, wall paper hangers, tailors, upholsters, window cleaners, mechanics, optometrists and photographers.

Laundry/dry cleaning facilities are also significant help. It doesn't take long to have e.g. a coat, a dress, a pair of trousers, a jacket, a blanket, or anything else that you can't wash in a washing machine, cleaned.

You can leave your bed sheets, shirts, towels, and tablecloths at the laundry, and they will wash, dry, and iron them, if you can afford it.

Shoemakers will mend or resole your worn out shoes, just as you can have your watch or electrical appliances fixed somewhere else. The duration of the repair depends on the amount of damage to your shoe/watch/appliance. Sometimes, it is enough just to change a heel of the shoe or a broken piece. These kinds of repairs take only a few minutes, while others take longer.

If any of our larger appliances break down we often have to call for a repairman to come to our home. This is often the case if it is the washing machine, the TV set, the radio, the freezer, the fridge, or the stove.

At the optometrist's, you can have your broken glasses fixed, or you can buy new ones. They can also clean your spectacles, or you may buy a new frame, case, or a pair of sunglasses. At the photo shop, you can have your film developed or your portrait taken. You can also buy a new film, (either in colour or black and white), cameras or accessories for your camera. Maybe you like to develop your own films. In that case, you can buy the necessary equipment like photo paper, chemicals, etc.

When our family needs medicinal drugs, bandages or herbal teas we go to the small chemist's on the corner. They are open twenty-four hours a day.

If your car breaks down you usually have to go to a mechanic. A mechanic will do any kind of basic maintenance such as changing your tyre, charging your batteries or checking the tyre pressure. Mechanics also repair your car when something is wrong. Maybe it means changing the clutch, adjusting the brakes, or fixing the carburettor.

When our car has been fixed, we like to have it washed and the easiest way is to drive it through the carwash at a petrol station.

The hairdresser's and beauty shops are very busy. They often have many customers, mostly women and girls. You might go there to have your hair cut, trimmed, coloured, bleached, washed, dried and styled. You can also get a perm. At the beauty shop you can get a facial massage, pedicure or manicure, or you can have your skin cleaned with natural cosmetic products. In addition, many women go to the gym to exercise, stretch, and keep fit.

When you are building a new house or maintaining your present one, you often need the help of construction companies. Last year, we decided to paint all the rooms in our house. Some painters from a small company did the work and it was done quickly and professionally. After they finished with the interior, they painted the window frames, and to finish the job, we had a window cleaner and carpet cleaners come and make everything nice and clean. My mother was really happy, and she said it was like getting a new house.

We also used this occasion to take all of our recyclables, such as the old newspapers, clothes, plastic and glass to the recycle station.

The city's technical department takes care of the city. They keep the pavements and streets clean, cut the grass, prune the trees in the parks, and dispose of the rubbish. During the summer, they make sure that the plants, trees, and flowers are watered.

VOCABULARY

IMPORTANT WORDS

account (a'kaunt)
bank (bæŋk)
banknote (bæŋknəut)
bar code reader (ba:kəud ...)
basket (ba:skit)
bill (bil)
cash (kæ:š)
cash-desk (kæš desk)
cashier (kæšiə)
cash account (kæš ə'kaunt)
cheque (ček)
change (čeindž)
credit card ('kredit ka:d)
coin (koin)
counter ('kauntr)
customer (kastəmə)
discount (diskaunt)
entrance ('entrəns)
exit ('eksit)
payment ('peimənt)
price (prais)
price label (prais leibl)
purse (pə:s)
purchase ('pə:čəs)
receipt (ri'si:t)
retail price (ritel prais)
salesman ('seilzmən)
saleswoman ('seilzwmən)
saving's bank ('seivinz bæŋk)
scale (skeil)
size (saiz)
shelf (šelf)
shop assistant (šop ə,sistənt)
trolley ('troli)
Value Added Tax (VAT)
wallet (wolit)

SHOPS

antique shop (æn'ti:k šop)
artist material (a:tist mə'tiəriəl)
baker (beikə)
baker's shop, bakery (beikəri)
barber (ba:bə)
barber's shop
bedding (bediŋ)
bed-linen ('bed ,linin)
book shop (buk šop)
boutique (bu:ti:k)
butcher (bučə)
butcher's shop
cafeteria (,kæfi'tiəriə)
café (kæfei)
carpets (ka:pits)
car shop (ka: šop)

účet v bance
banka
bankovka
čtečka čárového kódu
košík
účet
hotovost, platit v hotovosti
pokladna
pokladní
pokladní účet, paragon
šek
drobné, výdavek
kreditní karta
mince
pult, přihrádka
zákazník
sleva
vchod
východ
platba
cena
cenovka
dámská peněženka
nákup
ústřížek
maloobchodní cena
prodavač, obchodník
prodavačka, obchodnice
spořitelna
váha
velikost
police
prodavač, prodavačka
nákupní vozík
daň z přidané hodnoty
pánská peněženka

starožitnictví
potřeby pro výtvarníky
pekař
pekařství, obchod pečivem
holič
holičství
lůžkoviny
lůžkoviny (am.)
knihkupectví
butik, obchod s módními oděvy
řezník
řeznictví
restaurace se samoobsluhou
kavárna
koberce
prodejna aut

chemist (chemist)	lékárník, drogista
chemist's shop	lékárna, drogerie
china and glass shop (čainə ænd gla:s šop)	sklo-porcelán
confectioner (kən'fekʃənə)	cukrář
confectioner's shop, confectionery (kən'fekʃənəri)	cukrárna
delicatessen shop (,delikə'tesn šop)	lahůdky
department (di'pa:tment)	oddělení
department store (di'pa:tment sto:)	obchodní dům
dairy (deari)	mlékárna, mléčné výrobky
drapery (dreipəri)	obchod s textilem (látky)
drugstore (dragsto:)	lékárna + (am)
electrical appliances (i'lektrikəl ə'plaiənsiz)	elektrické spotřebiče
fashion accessories ('fæʃən æ'ksesəriz)	módní doplňky
fishmonger (fiʃmɑŋgə)	obchodník s rybami
fishmonger's shop	obchod s rybami
florist (florist)	květinář
florist's shop	květinářství
footwear (fu:t weə)	obuv
furniture (fə:ničə)	nábytek
gifts (gifts)	dárky
grocer (grəusə)	obchodník s potravinami
grocer's shop, grocery (grəusəri)	obchod s potravinami
greengrocer ('gri:ngrəusə)	zelinář
greengrocer's shop, greengrocery ('gri:n,grəusəri)	ovoce-zelenina
hairdresser ('heə dresə)	kadeřník
hairdresser's shop	kadeřnictví
household appliances (haushold ə'plaiənsiz}	domácí potřeby
ironmonger (aiən,mɑŋgə)	majitel železářství
ironmonger's shop, ironmongery ('aiənmɑŋgəri)	železářství
jewellery (džu:əlri)	klenoty
jumble shop ('džambəl šop)	bazar, partiová prodejna
knit wear (nitweə)	pletené zboží
lady's wear (leidi'z weə), women's wear	dámské oděvy
launderette (lo:ndə'ret), laundry (lo:ndri)	prádelna
leather goods (leðə gudz)	kožená galanterie
lingerie (lənžəri)	spodní prádlo
men's wear (menz weə)	pánské oděvy
newsagent ('nju:z,eidžənt)	prodavač novin
newsagent's shop	prodejna novin a časopisů
perfumery ('pə:fju:məri)	parfumerie
photographic and cinema articles	foto-kino
pet shop (pet šop)	obchod se zvířaty
pub (pab)	hostinec, hospoda, výčep, lokál
self-service shop (self 'sə:rvis šop)	samoobsluha
shoe shop (šu: šop), shoes (šu:z)	obuv
sport shop (spo:t šop)	sportovní potřeby
sports wear (spo:ts weə)	sportovní oděvy
stall (sto:l)	prodejní stánek
stationary (steišnəri)	papírnictví
supermarket (,sju:pə,mə:kit)	supermarket
tobacconist (tə'bækənist)	trafikant
tobacconist's shop	trafika
toy shop (toi šop), toys (toiz)	hračkářství
travel agency ('trævl 'eidžnsi)	cestovní kancelář
watches and clocks (wočiz ænd kloks)	hodiny
wine shop (wain šop)	prodejna vína

PICTURE DICTIONARY

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1	price	9	bill, receipt	20	cash desk
2	bag, shopping bag	10	price label	21	cash register
3	plastic bag	11	customer	22	cashier
4	paper bag	12	shop assistant	23	escalator
5	manager	13	scale(s)	24	forklift truck
6	basket	14	elevator	25	special offers
7	trolley	15	advertisement		
8	supermarket	16	shopping-list		
		17	counter		
		18	shelf, shelves		
		19	freezer, deep freezer		

PHRASES

Chtěl bych koupit nějaké ...
Chtěl bych prosím ...
Chci koupit nějaký ...
Mohl byste mi ukázat ...?
Mohu si prohlédnout ten ...?

Máte ...?
Právě teď je nemáme.
To nevedeme.
Je to v nabídce.
Nevíte, kde bych si mohl koupit ...?
Kde je oddělení sportu?
Kde můžeme koupit ...?
Kde je tady prosím ...?
Je tu někde samoobsluha?
Je tu nějaký obchod?

Čím mohu posloužit?
Co si přejete?
Chtěl bych ...
Jen se dívám.
Obsluhuje vás už někdo?
Už dostáváte?
Mohu vás obsloužit?
Čím mohu posloužit?
Už dostávám, děkuji.
Ještě něco?
To je všechno .
Kolik to stojí?
Je to docela levné.
Je to moc drahé.
Je to předražené.
Tenhle výrobek je dražší.
Se slevou pěti liber!
Tři kusy za cenu dvou.
Bylo to za poloviční cenu.

To je výhodná koupě.
Kolik platím?
Kolik je to dohromady?
Tady máte účet.
Stojí to ...
Platíte u pokladny.
Zboží dostanete u pokladny.
Mám vám to zabalit?
Ne, děkuji.
Ano, prosím.
Jak budete platit?
Budete platit hotově?
Budete platit šekem / kreditní kartou?
Mohu použít kreditní kartu?

Je to o číslo větší.
Nemáte menší?

Tady máte nazpět.

I would like to buy some
Please, could you give me
I want to buy some
Could you show me ...?
May I see that ...?

Do you have ...?
We haven't got them in stock.
We don't stock it.
It's on special offer.
Can you tell me where to buy ...?
Where's the sports department, please?
Where can we buy ...?
Excuse me, please, where is around here?
Is there a self-service store near here?
Is there any shop around here?

What can I do for you?
What would you like?
I would like
I'm just looking.
Is anyone serving you?
Are you being served?
Can I help you?
How can I help you?
I'm already being served, thank you.
Anything else?
That's all.
How much is it?
It's quite cheap.
It's too expensive.
It's overpriced.
This article is more expensive.
Five pounds off!
Three for the price of two!
It was half price.

It's good value / a real bargain.
How much do I pay?
How much is it altogether?
Here is your bill.
The price is ...
You will pay at the cash-desk.
You will get the goods at the check-out.
Shall I wrap it up?
No, thank you.
Yes, please.
How would you like to pay?
Will you pay in cash?
Will you pay by cheque / by credit card?
Can I use my credit card?
Do you take credit cards?
It's a size too larger.
Have you got anything smaller?

Here is your change.

Prosil bych účtenku.
Účtenku máte v tašce.
Chtěl bych vrátit peníze.
Nemám u sebe dost peněz.

Jaké značky je ten ...?
Jaké číslo?
Potřebuji číslo M.
Chtěla bych tohle v pětce.
Jakou barvu?
Jak se vám líbí tato barva?
Nelíbí se mi.
Máte nějakou jinou?
Mohu si to zkusit?
Kde jsou kabinky?
Ano, líbí se mi.
Koupím si to.
Vezmu si to.
Mohu to vyměnit za něco jiného?

Could I have my receipt, please?
Your receipt is in the bag.
I'd like a refund, please.
I haven't got enough money on me.

What make is this?
What size?
I need size M.
I'd like this in (a) size five.
What colour?
How do you like this colour?
I don't like it.
Haven't you got any other colour?
May I try it?
Where are the fitting rooms, please?
Yes, I like it.
I will buy it.
I will take it.
Can I exchange it for something else?

BRITISH SHOPS

There are a lot of different kinds of shops in Britain, from small local "corner shops" to huge department stores in big cities. If you visit Britain, it is useful to have some idea where to buy different things. Here are some shops you can find in nearly every town in Britain. They are called chain stores.

British Home Stores is like a combination of Woolworth's and Marks and Spencer.

Boots is a chemist's. You can buy medicine, photographic materials, toilet articles and beauty products there.

The Body Shop is interesting not only because of the beauty products they sell, but also because of the whole philosophy of their business. They only sell products that were not tested on animals.

Sainsbury's is a large supermarket with a middle-class image. They sell good food and wine.

C&A's sells fashionable clothes for men and women at reasonable prices.

OXFAM is the best-known chain of charity shops. It sells second-hand clothes and books.

Dillon's is another high-quality modern bookshop.

Tesco is another well-known chain of supermarkets.

Early Learning Centre is a very interesting toy shop. They don't sell toy tanks, guns or other weapons. They also avoid toys which rely on fashion and TV ads. With their toys you can play, and learn as well. You will never hear "don't touch" at Early Learning Centre.

Marks and Spencer is well known for quality woollen sweaters, pullovers and cardigans of traditional design sold under the brand name St. Michael. It is very good for basic clothes like underwear. It sells home furnishing, plants and food too

WH Smith's sells books, records, stationery, newspapers, greeting cards and office equipment.

Woolworth's sells many different things at relatively low prices. You can buy sweets and chocolate there, and also household articles, toys, clothes etc.

		
		
		
		