

## Shops and shopping

Underline the most suitable word or phrase.

- a) That new clothes shop has a lot of very good *bargains/sales*.
- b) On Saturday morning the High Street is full of *customers/shoppers*.
- c) It costs £9, so give her £10, and she'll give you £1 *change/rest*.
- d) I don't go to that supermarket because it's a bit *priced/pricey*.
- e) You cannot return goods without the original *recipe/receipt*.
- f) Supasoft Soaps are *for sale/on sale* here.
- g) A carrier bag is free with each *buyer/purchase* over £10.
- h) If you pay cash, we can give you a 10 per cent *cutting/discount*.
- i) How much did you *pay/spend* for your new shoes?
- j) This is a good shoe shop, but the *costs/prices* are very high.

2 Rewrite each sentence so that it includes the word given in capitals.

- a) I can't manage to see what the price is. Let's ask inside. MAKE  
**...I can't make out what the price is. Let's ask inside. ....**
- b) Is this coat the right size? Can I check? TRY
- c) Two masked men robbed the supermarket yesterday. HELD
- d) You need a new coat. Your old one is too small. GROWN
- e) I've been shopping all morning. I feel exhausted. WORN
- f) I'll come and collect the goods on Thursday. PICK
- g) Sorry, we don't have any bread left. RUN
- h) Are you going to the chemist's? CALLING
- i) I don't like supermarkets. I can't bear the queues. PUT
- j) I don't know whether to buy this car. I'll consider it. OVER

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

change deliver find fit go help order pay  
~~queue~~ serve try wrap

- a) You have to...queue... for ages to pay in this supermarket.
- b) In the London area, we.....furniture free of charge in our van.
- c) The trousers I bought are the wrong size. I'd like to.....them.
- d) Could somebody.....me, please? I've been waiting for ten minutes.
- e) Is this a present? Would you like me to.....it for you?
- f) I like the colour of this skirt, but it doesn't.....me.
- g) Good morning, madam. Can I.....you?
- h) We don't have your size at the moment, but we can.....it for you.
- i) Can you.....at the other cash desk, please.
- j) Would you like to.....on this green pair?
- k) I went shopping but couldn't.....exactly what I wanted.
- l) Food is so expensive now. Prices seem to.....up all the time.

4 Complete each sentence (a-j) with a suitable ending (1-10). Use each ending once.

- a) I bought my new television from a department .....5.....
- b) Don't forget to write a shopping.....
- c) Can you pay over there? This cash.....
- d) Most of the tourists went bargain.....
- e) Why don't we go to the new shopping.....
- f) Quite late at night the little corner.....
- g) It would be much better to buy an economy.....
- h) Don't forget that we have to stop at the filling.....
- i) There's a very nice suit on display in the window.....
- j) Mary has just started work as a shop.....

- 1 centre near the public library?
- 2 register doesn't work.
- 3 of that new shop next to the post office.
- 4 size box of paper tissues.
- 5 store in the town centre.
- 6 shop down the road is still open.
- 7 assistant in a shoe shop.
- 8 list before we go to the market tomorrow.
- 9 station to get some petrol.
- 10 hunting in the old part of the city.

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- 5 Choose the most suitable word or phrase to complete each sentence.
- a) I bought these jeans very cheaply in the.....**C**.....  
A) bargains B) reductions C) sales D) discounts
  - b) The washing instructions for this shirt are given on the.....  
A) label B) badge C) notice D) mark
  - c) All the small.....closed their shops in protest at the price rises.  
A) shop assistants B) shoppers C) shopkeepers D) shop stewards
  - d) We don't have the CD, I'm afraid. It's out of.....  
A) order B) stock C) shelf D) sale
  - e) The street market was full of.....selling fruit and vegetables.  
A) counters B) boutiques C) tables D) stalls
  - f) The shop opposite my house sells a variety of.....  
A) objects B) purchases C) goods D) productions
  - g) I'm sorry, but the dress you want is not.....in red.  
A) possible B) economical C) suitable D) available
  - h) Every Friday you can buy cheap vegetables in the market.....  
A) street B) place C) store D) sales
  - i) I like street markets, because you shop in the open.....  
A) prices B) sunshine C) bargains D) air
  - j) I like your new car. What.....is it?  
A) brand B) make C) name D) label

- 6 Complete each sentence with a word from the box. Use each word once only.

baked beans chocolates jam orange juice soap breakfast cereal  
flowers margarine paper tissues ~~toothpaste~~

- a) a tube of **toothpaste**.....
- b) a bunch of.....
- c) a pot of.....
- d) a tin of.....
- e) a box of.....
- f) a box of.....
- g) a packet of.....
- h) a bar of.....
- i) a carton of.....
- j) a tub of.....

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7 Match the words in the box with a suitable description (a-j).

advertisement	bargain	catalogue	deposit	list
manager	purse	receipt	<del>trolley</del>	wallet

- a) You push this in the supermarket and fill it with food **trolley**.
- b) You are given this as proof of buying something
- c) This tries to persuade you to buy something
- d) You put money especially banknotes, in this
- e) This person is in charge of a shop
- f) You might make this before you go shopping
- g) Leave this if you can't pay now but want to buy later
- h) Do this if you want to get a better price
- i) Coins are usually carried in this, especially by women
- j) Read this to find descriptions of goods

8 Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

*Supermarkets*

Nowadays, a great (1) *..variety...* of different food is available VARY  
 from large supermarkets. There are rarely any (2) SHORT  
 of fresh food, and there is far less (3) LIKELY  
 to rely on (4) FREEZE  
 supermarkets have become the most (5) SUCCESS  
 of all time? Certainly they seem to have made some kinds of  
 food less (6) EXPENSE  
 and most people enjoy shopping in  
 them. There has been a (7) REDUCE  
 in the number of  
 (8) COMPLAIN  
 made against supermarkets in recent years.  
 The assistants are no longer (9) POLITE,  
 but smile and try to be helpful. Above all, supermarkets have shown a  
 (10) WILLING  
 to listen to their customers, and to adapt to  
 customers' needs.

9 Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

*Street markets*

Most people enjoy looking for (1).....**D**.....in street markets. It can be very enjoyable walking around the (2)....., among the crowds of (3)....., and trying to spend as (4).....as possible. Of course it depends (5).....the market. In fruit and (6).....markets, there is usually a wide variety of (7).....produce, but it may not be cheap. There may be goods at (8).....prices at the end of the day, however. Clothes markets can be a problem, as it is difficult to (9)..... on new clothes in the open (10).....! My favourite are antique markets, where although there is not much (11).....of finding valuable objects which are also cheap, you can enjoy yourself looking at all the things for (12).....Whatever kind of market you look (13)....., and whether you buy things or not, you usually (14).....up feeling completely worn (15).....Still, it is an interesting way of shopping.

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|------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| 1) A cheap       | B sale    | C inexpensive | D bargains  |
| 2) A tables      | B stalls  | C boxes       | D stores    |
| 3) A shoppers    | B public  | C buys        | D goods     |
| 4) A little      | B soon    | C late        | D is        |
| 5) A from        | B with    | C on          | D to        |
| 6) A salads      | B green   | C farm        | D vegetable |
| 7) A new         | B fresh   | C young       | D early     |
| 8) A half        | B bottom  | C reduced     | D down      |
| 9) A look        | B try     | C have        | D take      |
| 10) A time       | B shop    | C light       | D air       |
| 11) A likelihood | B instead | C in spite    | D luck      |
| 12) A that       | B all     | C sale        | D others    |
| 13) A round      | B for     | C up          | D out       |
| 14) A shut       | B bring   | C get         | D end       |
| 15) A clothes    | B however | C out         | D through   |