

I'd like to buy some bread, please

LEARNING OUTCOME

learn how to buy food and drink for a picnic

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

What can you see in the photo?

What things do you think the lady wants to buy?



Everyday vocabulary

2 Look at the words in the box and match them to the expressions of quantity 1–6. More than one answer is possible.

apples • bread • ham • biscuits • cola • water • butter • crisps

- 1 A box of
- 2 A kilo of
- 3 A packet of
- 4 A bottle of
- 5 A loaf of
- 6 A slice of

3 Add any other words you know to the expressions of quantity in 2.

Dialogue

4 06 Listen to the dialogue. What food does Clara buy?

Clara is studying in the UK. She is in a small local supermarket buying food and drink for a picnic.

Shop assistant: Good morning. How can I help you?

Clara: Good morning. (1)

Shop assistant: Brown or white?

Clara: (2)

Shop assistant: Here you are. One loaf of brown bread.
(3)

Clara: Have you got any cheese?

Shop assistant: Yes we have. How much would you like?

Clara: (4)

Shop assistant: That's £4.50 – is that OK?

Clara: Perfect. I'd also like a packet of butter,
a big bottle of cola and two bottles of
water please.

Shop assistant: Here you are. Anything else?

Clara: Can I have a kilo of apples and three
packets of crisps, please?

Shop assistant: What flavour crisps would you like? We
have salt and vinegar, and plain.

Clara: Salt and vinegar? Hmm, that's not my
favourite flavour. Three packets of plain
crisps, please. (5)

Shop assistant: Let me see. That's £15.50.

Clara: (6)

Shop assistant: Thank you. Here's your change. Would
you like a bag?

Clara: Yes, please. Thanks very much!

5 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a–f). Then listen again and check.

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| a Would you like anything else? | d Here's 20. |
| b Brown please. | e How much is that? |
| c I'd like to buy some bread, please. | f About ten slices please. |

6 Read the dialogue again and find examples of the following:

- language for asking if a customer wants to buy something else.
- language for being polite.

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Look at the expressions from the dialogue. Who says each one:
Paul or the shop assistant?

How can I help you?

Have you got any cheese?

How much would you like?

Here you are. Anything else?

Can I have a kilo of apples and three packets of crisps, please?

What flavour crisps would you like?

How much is that?

Over to you!

7 Work in pairs. You are in a small supermarket. One of you is the shop assistant, and the other is a customer. Follow the steps below and role-play a conversation. Then change roles. Use the expressions in the Everyday English Toolkit.

Customer: Look at the items in 2 and 3 and decide what you want to buy.

Ask the shop assistant for the things you want and answer their questions. Ask how much you need to pay.

Shop assistant: Start the conversation.

Listen to what the customer wants to buy. Ask about the quantities.

Ask if the customer wants to buy anything else. Tell the customer how much they need to pay and offer a bag.