

**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.**

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

**EVERYDAY ENGLISH TOOLKIT: BUYING FOOD AND DRINK**

**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.