

SHOPPING

When we want to buy something, we go to a shop. Before going to a shop one should look around the kitchen and make up a shopping list of what he needs. But it's not necessary to visit a number of provisional shops such as bakery, grocery or butchery to buy food for the family because we can buy foodstuff in a supermarket. Like big department stores supermarkets sell various goods under one roof and it's very convenient for customers because customers save their time.

The method of shopping may vary. In a self-service shop a customer goes from counter to counter selecting and putting into a basket or trolley the goods he wants to buy. Then he takes the basket to the check-out counter where the prices of the purchases are added up. If it is not self-service shop, and most small shops are not, the shop-assistant helps the customer in finding what he wants. After paying money to the cashier the customer can get his purchases.

As my parents are very busy I help them to keep house. When our family runs out of food I am asked to go shopping. I like to go to the nearest supermarket where I can buy different things at once: fish, bread, sausages, flour, tea, sugar, eggs. Daily bread, brown and white, I can buy at the bakery where there are also rolls, buns, rusks and biscuits. As I have a sweet tooth, I cannot miss the confectionery where I usually buy sweets, candies, chocolate bars, cakes and so on.

Another department of the supermarket which I have to visit is a dairy. At the dairy I buy milk, cream, yogurt, cheese, butter, eggs and other products. I am a regular customer at the greengrocer's where potatoes, carrots, cabbage, onions, cucumbers, beetroots, apples, oranges and other vegetables and fruits are on sale. Everything is sold here ready-weighted and packed. At the butcher's there is a wide choice of meat and poultry such as beef, pork, mutton, chicken and turkey. Sometimes meat or poultry is also sold ready-weighted and packed so it is very convenient to bring home. Different cereals, flour, sugar, salt, tea, coffee, various spices can be found at the grocery.

Sometimes I have to go to a department store. Any department store, true to its name, is composed a number of fabrics and footwear, china and glass, ready-made clothes and cosmetics, toy and electric appliances, furniture and sport goods, cameras and films etc. Nowadays some larger department stores contain a supermarket and a coffee shop where customers like to have a cup of coffee and a sandwich. There are also escalators there which take customers to different floors. One day my friend wanted to go shopping. I advised him to go to a department store. He agreed and we moved to the Central store. When we arrived we admired the attractive window displays a little. Then we went up the first floor to visit the stationary department as my friend needed some exercise-books, pens, rubbers and so on for his studies at school. It was late August and we had to stand in a long queue which is usual practice for any department store at this time. But waiting in a long queue gave up an opportunity to make the right choice. My friend paid cash and we left the store.

Read and memorize the following words and expressions:

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| ● to look around | ● cashier | ● mutton |
| ● to make up a shopping list | ● to keep house | ● chicken |
| ● provisional | ● to run out of smth. | ● turkey |
| ● bakery | ● flour | ● cereals |
| ● grocery | ● roll | ● spice |
| ● butchery | ● bun | ● fabrics |
| ● food | ● rusk | ● footwear |
| ● food stuff | ● I have a sweet tooth. | ● china |
| ● supermarket | ● to miss | ● glass |
| ● department store | ● confectionary | ● ready-made clothes |
| ● to sell | ● candy | ● toy |
| ● various goods | ● chocolate bar | ● appliance |
| ● root | ● dairy | ● furniture |
| ● convenient | ● cream | ● camera |
| ● customer | ● greengrocery | ● to contain |
| ● to save | ● potato | ● to advise |
| ● to vary | ● carrot | ● to admire |
| ● self-service shop | ● cabbage | ● attractive |
| ● counter | ● onion | ● stationary department |
| ● basket | ● cucumber | ● rubber |
| ● trolley | ● beetroot | ● queue |
| ● check-out counter | ● orange | ● opportunity |
| ● price | ● to be on sale | ● cash |
| ● purchase | ● ready-weighted | |
| ● to add up | ● poultry | |
| ● shop-assistant | ● beef | |
| ● to pay | ● pork | |

Give the Russian for:

To buy foodstuff in a supermarket; the method of shopping may vary; the shop-assistant helps the customer in finding what he wants; to be sold ready-weighted and packed; nowadays some larger department stores contain a supermarket and a coffee shop; waiting in a long queue gave up an opportunity to make a right choice.

Give the English for:

Составить список покупок; большие магазины самообслуживания; под одной крышей; на кассе стоимость покупок суммируется; помогать по дому; продукты заканчиваются; меня просят сходить за покупками; я – сладкоежка; кондитерский отдел.

Answer the following questions:

1. Do you often go shopping? 2. What shops do you usually go to? 3. What do you buy at a bakery (grocery, butchery, etc.)? 4. What dairy products do you know? 5. When were you at a big shop last? What did you buy there? 6. What is sold at the bakery's (grocer's, butcher's, etc.)? 7. Which method of shopping do you like most of all? 8. Why does shopping unite people all over the world? 9. Do you listen to your parents' advice when buying clothing and footwear? 10. What is your idea of ideal shopping?