

# Shopping

***Welcome to Talk Time!***

How are you? How was your week?

Play the Alphabet Shopping Game: One person starts, saying, “I’m going shopping, and I’m going to buy (apples). The next person says, “I’m going shopping, and I’m going to buy (something that starts with the letter ‘b’).



**Let’s get started**

**1) As a group, read (do not answer) the questions below.**

What are three stores you recommend to your group? Why do you like these stores?

**2) Take a few minutes to fill in the chart with your answers.**

Think about the following: Where do you shop for clothes? Where do you shop for groceries? Where do you shop for household items?

Store 1	
Store 2	
Store 3	

**3) Share your answers with the group.**

**As a group read the signs below, and answer these questions.**

- Have you seen these signs in stores? What does each sign mean?
- Can you return something to a store in your native country? Explain.
- Have you ever returned something to a store in the U.S.? What happened?
- Can you return items to grocery stores in your native country? Have you returned anything to a grocery store in the U. S.?



**Discussion:**

How often do you go grocery shopping?

Do you make a shopping list before you go grocery shopping? Why or why not?

Do you prefer to shop alone or with people? Who do you like to go shopping with?

Are you saving your money to buy anything right now? What are you saving up for?

How often do you shop at thrift stores? What do you typically buy at thrift stores?

Which do you prefer: buying in bulk or buying individual items? Why?

Which do you prefer: paper or plastic bags? Do you ever bring your own reusable shopping bag?

Have you ever used a self-check-out station? What did you think?

Do you use coupons when you grocery shop? Where can you find coupons?

In your native culture do you bargain with sellers? How do you know you are buying for a good price?

What questions do checkers typically ask shoppers? What are appropriate answers to these questions?

**Activity:**

**Answer these questions about the Safeway receipt:**

- How many pieces of corn did the shopper buy?
- How many pounds of potatoes did the shopper buy?
- What did the shopper buy from the deli?
- What was the total balance due?
- What was the shopper's total savings?
- Did the shopper get good deals? Explain.
- Do you ever read your receipts? Why is it important to read receipts?

