

Topic: Grocery Shopping

Let's get started...

When is the last time you went to the grocery store? Which grocery store did you go to? What kind of food did you buy?

Background:

In America, people usually buy food at the grocery store. You can go to one grocery store to buy all the different kinds of food that you need. It's very convenient! In Washington, there are many different restaurant chains, such as Safeway, QFC, Albertson's, and Trader Joe's.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

In your native country:

- How do people get food?
- Do people buy food from local vendors?
- Are there grocery stores?
- How many different kinds of grocery stores are there?
- Do people buy pre-made food at grocery stores?
- Can you buy ethnic foods at the grocery store?
- How often do you go to the grocery store?



Share your partner's answers with the group.

Discussion Questions:

How often do you go grocery shopping?

Who does the grocery shopping in your family?

What is your favorite grocery store? Why? What is your least favorite grocery store?

Do you always go to the same grocery store?

What kinds of departments are typically found in the grocery store? (For example, the deli, the bakery)

Are there 24 hour grocery stores in your native country?

Have you ever gone grocery shopping in the middle of the night? What was it like?

Do you shop at ethnic grocery stores?

What kinds of non-food items can you buy at the grocery store?

Do you buy pre-made food at the grocery store?

Which do you prefer: buying food at the grocery store or at local vendors?

What other services are available at a grocery store? (For example, banking, video rental)

Do you use coupons when you grocery shop?

What are some differences between grocery stores in your native country and grocery stores in America?

Which do you prefer: paper or plastic bags?

Are there shopping carts in your native country? What do you think about shopping carts?

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

Have you ever bought food at Pike Place Market in Seattle? What did you think?

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

Do you make a shopping list before you go grocery shopping?

Do you have a savings card from any grocery store? Do you know how to get a savings card?

What foods do you buy every time you go to the grocery store? (For example, vegetables, bread, milk)

New words and Idioms:

Convenient, ethnic, vendor, pre-made, coupons, bulk, individual