



SUPERMARKETS

Discussion

Basic Questions

1. What's your favourite supermarket and why?
My favourite supermarket is...
2. Which are better – big supermarkets, small grocery stores or outdoor markets?
I think.....is better.
3. What do you think it would be like to work in a supermarket?
I think working in a supermarket is....
4. What do you think of the staff in your local supermarket?
I think the staffs in our local supermarket are....
5. What are the best supermarkets in your country?
The best supermarkets in my country are....

Extended Questions

1. What single improvement do you think would make your local supermarket better?

I thinkwould make it better.

2. Do you think there should be rules for children in supermarkets?

Yes, I think... / No, I don't think....

3. Have you ever had a bad or embarrassing experience in a supermarket?

Yes, I've had an.... / No, I never had...

4. What are the worst things about your local supermarket?

The worst things about.....

VOCABULARY

1. **grocery store** /'grōs(ə)rē/

(noun) a supermarket; items of food sold in a grocery store.

Ex.: I need to rush to the grocery store.

2. **Fishmonger** /fiSH,mäNGgər/

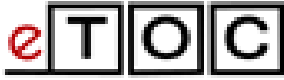
(noun) a person or store that sells fish for food.

Ex.: You can get fresh cod at the fishmonger's.

3. **Bar-code** /bär,kōd/

(noun) a machine-readable code in the form of numbers and a pattern of parallel lines of varying widths, printed on and identifying a product.

Ex.: All items have bar codes.



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4. Cashier /ka 'SHir/

(noun) a person handling payments and receipts in a store, bank, or other business.

Ex.: A cashier at Costco, after five years, makes about \$40,000 a year.

5. Greengrocer /' grēn ,grōsər/

(noun) a retailer of fruit and vegetables.

Ex.: This must be an expensive greengrocer.

6. express checkout

(noun phrase) For people buying a few items. The sign will show how many items you are allowed to have (1-12)

Ex.: Pay those three items in the express checkout.

7. automatic checkout

(noun phrase) You swipe and bag your own groceries and pay with a credit or debit card.

Ex.: You can swipe your card in the automatic checkout.

Useful Expressions

Questions:

- *Can you recommend a good toy shop/store?*
- *Is there a chemist / pharmacy in this area?*
- *Where can I get pet food from?*
- *Where is the nearest shopping centre?*
- *Could you direct me to the nearest post office please?*
- *Do you know where the nearest hardware store is?*

Responses:

- *There is a really good book shop just around the corner.*
- *You can buy that here in the hotel.*
- *The nearest one is a few mile away.*
- *The best toy shop is in the shopping centre.*
- *The post office isn't open on Sundays.*
- *The convenience store on the corner might sell that.*

DIALOGUE

Talking about sale at store:

Emma: Hey Sarah! Are you going shopping?

Sarah: Yes I am. The supermarket has a sale going on right now.

Emma: Oh really? How did you come to know about it?

Sarah: I saw an ad in the newspaper.

Emma: Are there any good bargains?

Sarah: Yes! There's a big discount on almost everything.

Emma: Can I join you Sarah?

Sarah: Sure! You're welcome.

Buying Dairy Products

Emma : Good morning! I would like to have two dozen eggs please.

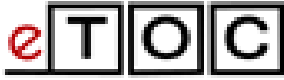
Assistant: Good morning! Anything else ma'am?

Emma : Yes, three bottles of milk and a pack of cheese slices.

Assistant: Will that be all?

Emma : No. I also want 2 cans of condensed milk.

Assistant: Sure. That will be 12 dollars.



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Looking for items

Assistant: Is there something I can help you with?

Emma : Yes, am looking for spaghetti?

Assistant: It's in aisle 3 right next to the store's main entry door.

Emma : Thank you. I will check there.

Assistant: Welcome sir. Do you need help with anything else?

Emma : No, thanks I am still browsing.

Getting a Refund

Emma : Excuse me. I bought this packet of noodles yesterday but it's the wrong flavor. I don't want it. Can you return it please?

Assistant: Sure. You'll need to show the receipt.

Emma : Yes, I've got the receipt. Here it is.

Assistant: Thanks, you also bought a lot of other stuff.

Emma : Yes, but I just want to return the noodles.

Assistant : No problems, here's your money.