

Grocery Shopping in the Classroom

Lesson theme: Food and Shopping

Level: Beginner (A2)

Instructions

Take your students to the grocery store without leaving your classroom!

Set Up

- Create triangle labels from the Section A handouts to label the classroom.
- Provide the labels from Section B for students to hold. Pass the labels between students to change the “grocery store” configuration.

Preparation

- Get the students to practice the phrase “Excuse me, where can I find the bread?”
- Replace the item “bread” with other common foods. Practice until students are confident.
- Model the activity by asking one student to ask the above question.
- Use the classroom set up to answer the question. For example, if the student with the “Bakery” label is sitting at the table labeled “Left”, you can answer: “The bread is in the bakery section, on the left side of the store.”
- Repeat this at least 3 times with different foods or until the class is comfortable.

Activity

- Assign one student to be the “customer” and another to be the “grocery store clerk”.
- The other students sit at their table/desk and hold up a label from Section B.
(For classes with <14 students, ask students to hold up two sections. For classes with >14 students, make sure students rotate who is holding the labels after each turn.)
- On each turn, the “customer” draws a prompt card from Section C. They will ask: “Excuse me, where can I find the ____?” using the prompt card to fill in the blank.
- The “clerk” answers the question by locating the correct section (B) and location card (A) that match the item.
- After a successful exchange, choose a new customer and send the “clerk” back to their seat. The previous “customer” becomes the “clerk” on the next turn.
- Rotate until each student has at least 2 turns as both the customer and the clerk. This activity will likely take around one hour.

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Use the handouts below to facilitate the activity. Use the pages in Section A to label the different sections of the store by folding into a triangle along the line. Divide the class into 4 table groups or section 4 sides of the classroom, whatever fits your classroom configuration. Cut the labels in Section B along the line and hand these out to students. Finally, cut and fold the slips in Section C. Place on a table or in a box for students to select from.

Enabling Objectives

Before the activity, practice grocery store vocabulary and teach students about the sections of the store and where to find different items.

For homework

If you wish to assign homework related to this activity, try these FLOW Speak lessons:

Out of Stock
Expression Lesson

Ask for a refund
Bite Lesson

Grocery Shopping
AI Talk Lesson

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Fold



Fold

Right

Section A: Table Labels for Locations

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Left

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Front

Section A: Table Labels for Locations

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Fold

Back

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Deli

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Meat

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Dairy

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Checkout

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Produce

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Frozen Food

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Bakery

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**Health
& Beauty**

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Bulk Food

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Snack Aisle

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Baking Aisle

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**Cleaning
Supplies**

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| Bread | Cheese | Croissant |
| Sliced Ham | Ham | Muffin |
| Sliced Turkey | Sour Cream | Ground Beef |
| Bananas | Ice Cream | Chicken |
| Apples | Frozen Vegetables | Fish |
| Cucumber | Dry beans (by weight) | Dry seeds (by weight) |
| Carrot | Coffee Beans (by weight) | Soda drinks |
| Frozen Chicken Nuggets | Potatoes | Olive Bar |
| Chips | Make up | Sunscreen |

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| Crackers | Sugar | Toothpaste |
| Donut | Gum & Candy bars | Vitamins |
| Flour | Pay for groceries | Milk |
| Laundry Detergent | Frozen French Fries | Yogurt |
| Soda | Magazines | Bleach |
| Shampoo | Bathroom Cleaner | Butter |
| Cake | Crab | Cookies |
| Grapes | Tortillas | Sugar |
| Onions | Turkey | Oats |