

Supermarkets and Sales (Comparatives)

Shopping is fairly easy, you pick up what you want and buy it. But ESOL/ ESL students often need help understanding offers and prices. This lesson also helps to introduce comparatives and superlatives by comparing prices and supermarkets.

Age: Adults.

Level: ESOL entry 3

Length: 1 hour

Vocab: How much..? numbers, special offers, shopping, comparatives and superlatives

Grammar: Comparatives and superlatives

Sub skills: Reading, speaking

Materials: Various shopping objects, post-it notes, worksheet.

1. Take some 'shopping' objects into the class. Stick post-it notes on them with prices. Role play with the students.
'How much is this?'
'It's three pounds twenty.' 'It's \$3.20'
You could be the shopkeeper, or better still have a more able student do the trading for you.
2. Pre teach the vocab used on the work sheets. *Expensive, cheap, sale, a bargain, two-for-one.* Get them to complete the matching task.
Answers: 1. f 2e 3.b 4.g 5.h 6.c 7.a 8. h.
1. Sale 2. Cheap 3. Bargain 4. Refund 5. Special offer
3. Use your shop to explain the idea of comparatives and superlatives. This is cheaper than that, but this is the cheapest. Explain that small words add 'er' and 'est', and longer words with three syllables, along with some two-syllable words, use more or the most. They complete the table by filling in the missing words.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Big	Bigger	The biggest
Small	Smaller	The smallest
Cheap	Cheaper	The cheapest
Tall	Taller	The tallest
Nice	Nicer	The nicest
Old	Older	The oldest
Young	Younger	The youngest
Clean	Cleaner	The cleanest
Expensive	More expensive	The most expensive
Beautiful	More beautiful	The most beautiful
Boring	More boring	The most boring
Interesting	More interesting	The most interesting

4. Students answer the questions honestly about the town they live in. Open up a general discussion about the cheapest places to shop, and where you can get the best deals. If you know your area well you can tell students places to shop cheaply.

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Shopping and Supermarkets

Match the following words and phrases

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| 1) Expensive | a) for short time a thing is cheap |
| 2) Cheap | b) everything is cheap for a short time |
| 3) Sale | c) money back for bad things |
| 4) A bargain | d) if you buy one you take two |
| 5) 10% discount | e) little money |
| 6) refund | f) lots of money |
| 7) special offer | g) a very cheap thing |
| 8) buy one get one free | h) £1 is 90p |

Put the correct words from above in the sentences.

1. Everything is cheap at the supermarket this week. They are having a _____.
2. If you go to the market all the fruit and vegetables are _____.
3. Abdul is selling his new car for £100. It's a _____.
4. I bought a TV last week. It doesn't work. I'm taking it back to the shop to get a _____.
5. There's a _____ _____ on chicken at the supermarket. You can get two for £3.

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1. What is the most expensive supermarket in your town?
2. What is the cheapest supermarket in your town?
3. What is the cheapest food you can buy?
4. What is the most expensive food you can buy?
5. Where can you find the most bargains in your town?