

A Trip to the Market

Level: A2

Lena goes to the market with only twenty dollars. Read about her trip, then answer the questions.

Reading text

Today I am at the market with twenty dollars. I don't have a lot of money, so I look at the prices first. I need some food for the week. There are a lot of stalls, and everyone is busy.

First, I want some apples. They cost two dollars a kilo, so I buy two kilos. The man at the stall gives me a bag. Then I look for some eggs. A box of six eggs is only three dollars. It isn't much, so I take it. I don't need many tomatoes, so I buy a few for three dollars.

At the next stall, I ask for a little cheese. It costs five dollars. Now I have five dollars left. I see a big chocolate cake, but it costs eight dollars. Eight dollars is a lot of money for a cake, so I buy a loaf of bread for two dollars.

Is there anything nice for three dollars? A small bunch of flowers is only two dollars. I buy them. I go home with one dollar and a full bag.

Glossary

stall	a small shop with a table, often outside
prices	the money you pay for things
kilo	a measure of weight, 1,000 grams
busy	with a lot of people or a lot to do
costs	has this price
left	still here after you spend or take some
loaf	bread in one big piece
bunch	a group of flowers together
full	with no more space

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

Select the option that answers the question.

- How much money does Lena have at the start?
a) Ten dollars b) Fifteen dollars c) Twenty dollars
- How many kilos of apples does Lena buy?
a) Two b) Three c) Four
- Why does Lena not buy the chocolate cake?
a) The cake is small b) It costs a lot of money c) It is not on the stall

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

Decide whether each sentence is correct.

4. Lena has a lot of money. True / False
5. Lena buys a loaf of bread for two dollars. True / False
6. Lena buys many tomatoes. True / False

Exercise 3: Fill the gaps

Type the missing word or words.

7. Three dollars is not ___ money for six eggs.
8. Lena doesn't need ___ tomatoes, so she buys only a few.
9. Lena asks, "Is there ___ nice for three dollars?"
10. How ___ is a kilo of apples? Two dollars.

Exercise 4: Listen and choose

Listening: online only.

Exercise 5: Listen and write

Listening: online only.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

1. c) Twenty dollars
2. a) Two
3. b) It costs a lot of money

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

4. False
5. True
6. False

Exercise 3: Fill the gaps

7. much / a lot of
8. many / a lot of
9. anything / something
10. much

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