

Shopping for Snacks at the Market

Date: May 3, 2026 Topic: How Much Is That? Do your students know how to ask about prices in English? This...

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Use 'How much is/are' to ask for prices accurately in American English.
- Identify and apply key market vocabulary including change, receipt, and bargain.
- Perform a basic shopping transaction involving money and price inquiries.

VOCABULARY

Word	Definition	Example
customer (noun)	A person who buys goods or services from a shop or business.	<i>The shop was full of customers looking for holiday gifts.</i>
price (noun)	The amount of money expected, required, or given in payment for something.	<i>I checked the price tag to see if I could afford the shoes.</i>
bargain (noun)	A thing bought or offered for sale much more cheaply than is usual or expected.	<i>At only five dollars, this high-quality shirt is a real bargain.</i>
cheap (adjective)	Low in price; worth more than its cost.	<i>The street food here is very cheap and delicious.</i>
expensive (adjective)	Costing a lot of money.	<i>That luxury car is too expensive for me to buy right now.</i>
total (noun)	The whole amount of something when added together.	<i>The total for my groceries was forty-two dollars.</i>
change (noun)	The money returned to someone who has paid for something with more than the exact price.	<i>I gave the cashier ten dollars and she gave me two dollars in change.</i>
receipt (noun)	A piece of paper that proves you have paid for something.	<i>Please keep your receipt in case you want to return the item.</i>

GRAMMAR & KEY CONCEPTS

Asking for Prices: Is vs. Are

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Use 'How much is...!' for singular items and 'How much are...!' for plural items.

- *How much is this sandwich?*
- *How much are these grapes?*
- *How much is it?*

READING PASSAGE

Alex is a young **customer** visiting a local street market in the city. He stops at a fruit stand to check the cost of various items. Alex asks the vendor, 'Hello! What is the **price** of these red apples?' The vendor smiles and says, 'Those are one dollar each. It is a real **bargain** because they are very fresh!' Alex thinks that is quite **cheap**, so he decides to buy five. Next, he looks at a jar of local honey. 'How much is this honey?' he asks. The vendor explains it is ten dollars. Alex thinks it is a bit **expensive**, but he buys it anyway. The **total** for the apples and the honey comes to fifteen dollars. Alex hands the vendor a twenty-dollar bill. The vendor gives him five dollars back in **change** and places a small paper **receipt** in the bag. Alex is happy with his purchases and heads home to enjoy his snacks.

PRACTICE EXERCISES

1. If an item costs very little money, it is considered:

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| A) expensive | B) cheap |
| C) total | D) receipt |

2. What do you call the money you get back after paying with a large bill?

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| A) price | B) bargain |
| C) change | D) customer |

3. Which question is correct for asking about the price of one apple?

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| A) How much are this apple? | B) How many is this apple? |
| C) How much is this apple? | D) How much price this apple? |

4. A person who buys something at a market is a:

A) vendor

B) customer

C) receipt

D) total

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5. If a shirt costs \$100, most people would say it is:

A) cheap

B) a bargain

C) expensive

D) change

6. Can I have my _____ please? I need it for my records.

7. How much _____ these oranges?

8. The _____ of the milk is three dollars.

9. I found a great _____ on this jacket; it was 50% off!

10. Your _____ comes to fifteen dollars and fifty cents.