



Topic: Shopping Markets

Level: Beginner

Grammar Focus: Adjectives



Discussion:

A. Look at the picture. What do you see? These words will help you.

food fruit vegetable stall tray green red yellow farm awning



B. Read and discuss the following questions.

1. Name the fruits and vegetables you see in the picture. Count them.
2. How is the food displayed so that it looks good?
3. What other items could be for sale at this market?
4. What is the clue that the food is in the open air?

C. General chat about markets and shopping.

Do you buy your own food? Where do you go? Is there a market near you? Is an outdoor market different from an indoor supermarket?

What is your favourite fruit? What is your favourite vegetable? Any dislikes?

D. Word Play

Adjectives are describing words. These words can be used to describe food:

tasty tasteless fresh delicious spicy hot cold bland salty healthy

Have a go at making up sentences using these words. For example:

Fruit is a healthy food. Strawberries are delicious. Curry is a spicy dish.



Story:

A. Read the following story. Take your time. Pause at the end of each sentence when you reach a full stop.

Market Day

Today is Saturday. It is very early in the morning. It is market day. The sellers are setting up their stalls in the centre of the town. There are fruit and vegetables for sale. There is meat and fish. There are delicious cheeses and fresh breads. They look good. They smell good too.

People come to buy the food. They buy apples, oranges, pears and grapes. They buy potatoes, carrots, onions and green leafy vegetables. The meat and fish sell well too. People buy bread and cheese for their lunch.

It is late morning and the market is over. The centre of town is quiet. It is time to pack up the stalls and leave. The sellers are tired. They are happy too. They have sold their food. Next Saturday is market day again.



B. Testing your general understanding.

The following statements are either true or false. Read each one and decide whether it is 'true' or 'false'.

1. The market is in the centre of town.
2. There are eggs for sale.
3. The market is over before the afternoon.
4. Some foods smell good.
5. There are no green vegetables for sale.

C. Word Challenge. The days of the week are nouns. Begin with Saturday and say the days of the week. The last day will be Friday.

D. Ultimate challenge. Read each question and the four possible answers. Which one do you think is correct?

Q.1 What day is market day?

- a. Saturday.
- b. Sunday.
- c. The day there is food to sell.
- d. Every day.



Q.2 What do people buy for lunch?

- a. Fruit and vegetables.
- b. Meat and fish.
- c. Bread and cheese.
- d. Any food that looks good.

Q.3 Why are the sellers happy?

- a. They like the smell of the bread.
- b. The weather is good.
- c. They work in the morning.
- d. They have sold their food.

Q.4 When is the next market?

- a. The next day.
- b. The next Saturday.
- c. In the afternoon.
- d. In the evening.

Exploring other ideas:

- What countries have a tradition of markets?
- Online shopping – will it ever replace the market or shop?
- The power of advertising. Why do we shop?