

ENGLISH 3AC · SEMESTER 1

Shopping list: English 3AC reading and listening

Practise English 3AC food vocabulary and listening with an original shopping dialogue, audio, transcript, quantity diagrams and comprehension answers.

Key points

- The family already has rice, three tomatoes and six apples.
- Sami must buy two carrots, four eggs, a loaf and a bottle of water.
- Orange juice is suggested, but his mother says no.

Learning goals

- Separate food already at home from food to buy.
- Match numbers to the correct food nouns.
- Recognise an accepted request and a refused suggestion.

How do I understand a shopping-list dialogue?

Listen for the purpose first: Sami and his mother are deciding what is needed for lunch. Draw two columns, At home and To buy. During the second listening, put each food in the correct column. A food mentioned in the dialogue is not automatically something Sami must buy.

For reading practice, open the transcript after your listening attempt. Circle the quantity words and underline the verbs have and buy. These small words show whether an item is already available or still needed.



Sort the food into what is already at home and what must be bought. Keep each number with its food.

How can I keep food quantities accurate?

The dialogue gives three tomatoes, two carrots, four eggs and six apples. Attach each number to its noun. Three belongs to tomatoes, not carrots. Write the whole phrase, such as two carrots, rather than a number alone.

One loaf of bread and a bottle of water use countable units. Bread and water are not counted in the same way as eggs here. Learn loaf with bread and bottle with water. The question What do we need? asks for required items, while What do we have? asks about what is already available.

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AT HOME OR TO BUY?

A food mentioned in the dialogue is not always a purchase.

1 At home

Rice, three tomatoes, six apples



2 To buy

Two carrots, four eggs, one loaf, water



3 Not on the list

Orange juice: the suggestion is refused

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

A food mentioned in the dialogue is not always a purchase.

How do I recognise a suggestion that is refused?

Sami asks about orange juice. His mother says No, thank you. They have water. Do not add juice to the final shopping list just because you hear its name. The final intention is to go to a small shop near the library; the dialogue does not give an exact street address.

Once you have checked your answers, make a different list using the same language. Change three foods and their quantities. The recording is original language practice read by a synthetic English voice, with no link to a real family's shopping needs.

A worked example

Turning speech into a useful list

Question: How many carrots should Sami buy? Answer: Two carrots. The dialogue mentions three tomatoes, but the family already has them. Keeping each food with its number prevents the wrong answer.

- Check whether the item belongs to At home or To buy.
- Keep the noun beside its quantity.
- A refused suggestion does not belong on the final list.

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MATCH THE NUMBER AND NOUN

Listen for complete quantity phrases.

1 Vegetables
Three tomatoes at home; buy two carrots



2 Eggs
Buy four eggs



3 Countable units
One loaf of bread; a bottle of water

Read the examples. Explain the pattern. Make your own sentence.

Listen for complete quantity phrases.

How should I use this English 3AC lesson?

- Try the exercises before reading the answers.
- Explain a correction in your own words.
- Return to the examples when two structures look similar.

Listening transcript

Sami: Mum, what do we need for lunch? Mother: We have some rice and three tomatoes. Please buy two carrots and four eggs. Sami: Do we need bread? Mother: Yes, one loaf, please. And a bottle of water. Sami: What about apples? Mother: We have six apples at home. We do not need any more. Sami: Shall I buy some orange juice? Mother: No, thank you. We have water. Put the shopping list in your pocket so you do not forget it. Sami: All right. I will go to the small shop near the library.

[Listen to the synthetic-voice English recording on the lesson page.](#)

Exercises: try before reading the answers**1. Already available**

Which foods are already at home?

2. Carrots

How many carrots should Sami buy?

3. Eggs

How many eggs are requested?

4. Bread

What quantity of bread is requested?

5. A refused suggestion

Should Sami buy orange juice?

6. The shop

Where does Sami plan to go?

Answers and explanations

1. Already available

Some rice, three tomatoes and six apples. These items are available before Sami shops.

2. Carrots

Two carrots. Three is the number of tomatoes, not carrots.

3. Eggs

Four eggs. Four is the quantity given for eggs.

4. Bread

One loaf of bread. Loaf is the unit used in the dialogue.

5. A refused suggestion

No. His mother refuses the suggestion and says that they have water.

6. The shop

To the small shop near the library. No exact street address is given.

Frequently asked questions

How do I practise food listening in English 3AC?

Use two columns for food at home and food to buy. Match each quantity to its noun, then check the transcript.

Why is a shopping-list answer sometimes wrong?

A learner may copy a number from a different food or add an item that was only suggested and refused.

Can I practise reading with the same text?

Yes. Read the transcript, mark have and buy, then answer the comprehension questions with evidence.

Revision resource: follow the units, instructions and pace set by your teacher.

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