

# Finding out the prices

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## What children should learn

Mathematics – to add up the cost of a list of shopping items.

## What you need

A short shopping list (maximum six items), duplicated for each child. Make sure the list is specific, so indicate sizes and makes, such as 500g packet of Kellogg's cornflakes, 420g can of Heinz baked beans.



## Activity

Give all the children a copy of the shopping list and ask them, when they go to the supermarket, to find out the price of each of the items on the list and to write them next to the item. Ask the children to return the list within a given time so that you can share the information with the whole group.

## Extension

Ask the children to choose any one item of their own choice to add to their list and provide the price for that too.

## Talk about

Before the activity, talk about how the children are going to go about the activity. Will they enlist the help of their parents or grandparents? Will they do this task at the same time as their parents are doing the shopping, or will they ask to make a separate journey to obtain the information? Explain that they must find each item themselves and then check with the adult to see that it is the right one. After the activity, congratulate the children who have completed the task (but do not censure those who have not done so.) Share and compare the costs of the items on the list. Ask the children which is more and which is less.