

Rosa's Guide to the French Market: Faire les Courses

Step into the market with Rosa the parrot! Can you master the language of the French shopkeeper?

- When approaching a market stall, always begin your request with 'Bonjour' followed by 'Je voudrais' to be polite to the vendor.
- To find out the price of an item, ask 'Combien ça coûte?' and listen carefully for the number in Euros.
- French market stalls often display prices using a comma instead of a decimal point, for example, 2,50€ instead of £2.50.
- If you are purchasing multiple items, remember to use 'et' to link your requests, such as 'Je voudrais des pommes et une baguette'.
- Always conclude your transaction with a smile and a polite 'Merci, au revoir!' to show your appreciation.

Did you know? Did you know? In France, the currency is the Euro (€), which is divided into 100 cents. While we use pounds (£) and pence in the UK, French markets have been using the Euro since 2002! When buying fruit or vegetables, French shoppers often ask for items by weight, such as 'un kilo' or 'cinq cents grammes'.

Key vocabulary: Combien ça coûte? (How much does it cost?) · Je voudrais... (I would like...) · S'il vous plaît (Please) · Merci (Thank you) · Le marché (The market) · La monnaie (The currency/change) · Un kilo de pommes (A kilo of apples) · C'est trop cher! (It is too expensive!)