

De Compras en el Mercado (Shopping at the Market)

Learning objective: To understand vocabulary related to shopping, prices, and quantities in Spanish while developing higher-order reading comprehension skills.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions in English, citing evidence from the Spanish text where possible. Use your knowledge of Spanish numbers and currency.

Rosa la lora visita el mercado local hoy. Ella busca ingredientes frescos para su ensalada. Primero, Rosa observa las manzanas rojas. El vendedor dice: 'Las manzanas cuestan ochenta peniques cada una'. Rosa piensa que es un precio justo. Después, ella camina hacia el puesto de plátanos. Un kilo de plátanos cuesta £1.50. Rosa decide comprar dos kilos. 'Es muy barato', comenta ella con una sonrisa. Finalmente, ella compra una sandía grande. La sandía cuesta £3.20. Rosa saca su monedero y paga con un billete de diez libras. El vendedor le devuelve el cambio. Rosa está muy contenta porque ha comprado fruta deliciosa para compartir con sus amigos. En el mercado, siempre es importante preguntar el precio antes de comprar. Rosa disfruta mucho practicando su español mientras hace las compras. Ella cree que ir al mercado es una excelente manera de aprender sobre la comunidad y practicar las matemáticas con dinero real.

Word bank: el mercado (the market) · la fruta (the fruit) · caro (expensive) · barato (cheap) · cuesta (it costs) · la moneda (the coin) · vender (to sell)

1. How much does one apple cost, and how many kilos of bananas does Rosa decide to purchase? (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. What is the total cost of the watermelon that Rosa buys? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Explain why Rosa feels that the bananas are a good deal. Use evidence from the text. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. What might happen if Rosa did not check the prices before selecting her fruit at the market? (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Do you think Rosa enjoys her experience at the market? Support your opinion with references to the passage. (4 marks) (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a vibrant scene of Rosa the parrot at a market stall, including labels in Spanish for the fruits she is buying and the prices shown on small chalkboards.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are the market stall owner. Create a short dialogue in Spanish between you and a customer who wants to buy three different items. Include the prices in pounds and pence, and ensure the customer asks '¿Cuánto cuesta?' (How much does it cost?).