

Beginning Short Stories – “The Market”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version

Today I am at the market. I need to buy eggs, milk, carrots, bread, fish and chocolate.

I need to buy the eggs, ham, milk, and carrots from the farmer. I will go see him *first*.

“Hello, can I please have six eggs, one gallon of milk, and ten carrots?” I said.

“Sure! I will get them for you,” the farmer said.

“Thank you,” I said.

Now, I need to buy the bread from the baker. I will go see him *second*.

“Hello, can I please have one loaf of bread?” I said.

“Sure! I will get it for you,” the baker said.

“Thank you,” I said.

Now, I need to buy the fish from the fisherman. I will go see him *third*.

“Hello, can I please have two pieces of salmon?” I said.

“Sure! I will get it for you,” the fisherman said.

“Thank you,” I said.

Okay I am done shopping! Wait, did I forget something?



Advanced Version

Today I am at the market. I need to buy eggs, milk, carrots, bread, fish and chocolate.

I need to buy the eggs, ham, milk, and carrots from the farmer. I will *visit* him *first*.

“Hello, can I please have six eggs, one gallon of milk, and ten carrots?” I said.

“Sure! I will get them for you,” the farmer said.

“*Thanks*,” I said.

Now, I need to buy the bread from the baker. I will *visit* him *second*.

“Hello, can I please have one loaf of bread?” I said.

“Sure! I will get it for you,” the baker said.

“*Thanks*,” I said.

Now, I need to buy the fish from the fisherman. I will *visit* him *third*.
“Hello, can I please have two pieces of salmon?” I said.
“Sure! I will get it for you,” the fisherman said.
“*Thanks*,” I said.

Okay I am *finished* shopping! Wait, did I forget something?

Questions:

1. What do I need to buy at the market?
2. Who did I visit to buy the bread?
3. What did I forget?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

4. What does “*visit*” mean?
5. What does “*thanks*” mean?
6. What does “*finished*” mean?