



5. TASK IDENTIFIER

TITLE	Seven ways to save on groceries
NUMBER OF WORDS	351
READING BEHAVIOUR	Quick selective reading
GENERAL FOCUS	Reading for gist
CEFR LEVEL	B2
TEST METHOD	Multiple Matching
NUMBER OF ITEMS	6



Seven ways to save on groceries

Read the texts about what to watch out for when shopping.

Choose the correct heading (A-I) for each paragraph (1-6).

There are two extra headings that you should not use.

The first one (0) has been done for you.



0 _____

In most grocery stores, advertised sales change every week, so the scanners have to be updated constantly. But surprisingly often, they're not, so they charge you the full amount, not the discounted price. To get the deal you're after, keep an eye on the price being registered by the scanner, whether you're operating it yourself or dealing with a cashier. Put all the week's specials in a corner of your cart and line them up on the checkout counter together so you can easily keep track of the prices you're being charged as the items are scanned.

Q1 _____

After all, the person at the register may not know a pomegranate from a persimmon. On a recent shopping trip, I watched as a cashier entered my three-pound cabbage (39 cents per pound) as Brussels sprouts (\$1.89 per pound) – an overcharge of \$4.50. If I hadn't corrected him, my family would've eaten some very pricey coleslaw that night.

Q2 _____

Many people don't know it, but big chains like Giant, Safeway, and Kroger will often give you an item for free if the scan shows a higher price than what's advertised. (Tobacco, alcohol, pharmacy items, and dairy are excluded).

Q3 _____

If your grocer runs out of an advertised special, ask customer service for a rain check – a written promise to sell you the item at a lower price when it's restocked. Make sure the slip specifies the maximum number you can buy for the sale price (usually six). Ask about the time limit for using your rain check (it's usually 15 days).



Q4 _____

Before you stash ten boxes of something on your shelves, check the sell-by date. Even seemingly ageless products like tea bags and toothpaste eventually expire – and you don't want to be stuck owning eight more when they do.

Q5 _____

If you're buying a ten-pound bag of potatoes, put it on the scale before you put it in your cart. Many items weigh less than what the package says.

Q6 _____

It's easier to pick up personal-care products and other nongrocery items at the supermarket. But this stuff often costs more than it does at a big drugstore chain.

A	Collect your payoff if there's a mistake.
B	<i>Watch the register.</i>
C	Don't pay extra for convenience.
D	Don't assume that regular-price items are being entered correctly.
E	Don't trust the scale.
F	Stock up, but wisely.
G	Be persistent.
H	Don't buy products that have expired.
I	Weigh before you pay.