

## shopping for food

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### Learning hint

The simplest strategies for learning new words are often the most effective. The act of writing words down really helps to make them stick in the mind. Where food is concerned, you could make your food shopping list in French. Another simple strategy is to write the names of foodstuffs on sticky labels and attach them to packets, containers, bottles and the fridge door for a few days.

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| <p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Qu'est-ce que vous désirez?</b> Can I help you?</p> <p><b>Je voudrais</b> I'd like</p> <p><b>Ça, qu'est-ce que c'est?</b> What's this/that?</p> <p><b>Et avec ceci?</b> Anything else?</p> <p><b>Comme ça?</b> Like that?</p> <p><b>Oui, ça va</b> Yes, that's fine</p> <p><b>Combien en voulez-vous?</b> How much do you want?</p> <p><b>C'est tout, merci</b> That's all, thanks</p> <p><b>Ça fait combien?</b> How much is it?</p> | <p><b>Useful vocabulary</b></p> <p><b>du pain complet</b> some wholemeal bread</p> <p><b>des artichauts</b> some artichokes</p> <p><b>une barquette de fraises</b> a punnet of strawberries</p> <p><b>une demi-douzaine d'oeufs</b> half a dozen eggs</p> <p><b>une part de pizza</b> a slice of pizza</p> <p><b>un kilo de...</b> a kilo of...</p> <p><b>un litre de...</b> a litre of...</p> <p><b>un morceau de...</b> a piece of...</p> |
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### Quiz

1. What's **fromage de chèvre**?
2. Which of these are you *not* likely to find in a fruit salad: **des cerises, du melon, des pommes de terre, un poivron, des raisins?**
3. Decide whether **du** or **des** is the word for 'some' with these items: **\_\_ pain; \_\_ fromage; \_\_ légumes; \_\_ vin; \_\_ oeufs**
4. How would you say 'I'd like a bottle of red wine' in French?
5. And how would you ask for a dozen eggs?
6. If you've bought all you want, how would you reply to **Et avec ceci?**

Answers on [www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml)