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## Level 3

### Major supermarket bans candy from checkouts

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

A major supermarket in the UK will soon remove all candy and chocolates from near its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from the end of this year, there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to pay for their food. This is because it wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did a lot of research on the best place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good idea to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers lead healthier lives."

Britain's Public Health Minister Jane Ellison welcomed Tesco's idea. She said it would help tackle obesity and poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to make healthier choices, which all contributes to reducing the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-health." A spokeswoman from the parenting website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "that little bit easier". She said: "Popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault course." She was happy that Tesco listened to people, saying: "It's really positive to see a supermarket responding to the views of their customers."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CHECKOUTS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about checkouts. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*supermarket / checkouts / the end of this year / customers / research / snacks / obesity / poor health / initiative / parenting / assault course / positive / customers*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SUPERMARKETS:** What can they do to be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Problems now	Improvements
Checkouts		
Cashiers		
Car parking		
Aisles		
Trolleys		
Prices		

**4. UNHEALTHY:** Students A **strongly** believe supermarkets shouldn't sell unhealthy food; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SHOPPING:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- potato chips (crisps)
- chocolate
- cakes
- soda
- fruit
- candies
- cookies
- bread

**6. CHOCOLATE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "chocolate". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. A British supermarket is banning all candy from its stores.    | T / F |
| b. The ban will start taking place next year.                     | T / F |
| c. The store wants its customers to be healthier.                 | T / F |
| d. Most customers are happy that candies are being removed.       | T / F |
| e. The UK government said removing candy would reduce obesity.    | T / F |
| f. A parenting website said banning candy would make life easier. | T / F |
| g. The website wants supermarkets to have assault courses.        | T / F |
| h. A woman was happy that the supermarket listened to customers.  | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. major      | a. traveling across |
| 2. near       | b. place            |
| 3. put        | c. assist           |
| 4. tempted    | d. country          |
| 5. help       | e. important        |
| 6. poor       | f. opinions         |
| 7. nation     | g. bad              |
| 8. navigating | h. close            |
| 9. happy      | i. enticed          |
| 10. views     | j. pleased          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. A major supermarket in the UK will soon | a. of its customers   |
| 2. from the end                            | b. choices            |
| 3. two-thirds                              | c. healthier lives    |
| 4. tempted by                              | d. obesity            |
| 5. help our customers lead                 | e. remove all candy   |
| 6. Jane Ellison welcomed                   | f. a shop             |
| 7. help tackle                             | g. Tesco's idea       |
| 8. help people to make healthier           | h. of this year       |
| 9. Popping into                            | i. of their customers |
| 10. responding to the views                | j. sugary snacks      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ supermarket in the UK will soon remove all candy and chocolates from (2) \_\_\_\_\_ its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from the end of this year, there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for their food. This is because it wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did a lot of research on the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Philip Clarke said: "We all know how easy it is to be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers lead (8) \_\_\_\_\_ lives."

*idea*  
*pay*  
*tempted*  
*best*  
*major*  
*healthier*  
*near*  
*executive*

Britain's Public Health Minister Jane Ellison (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Tesco's idea. She said it would help tackle (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to make healthier choices, which all contributes to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-health." A spokeswoman from the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "that little bit (13) \_\_\_\_\_ ". She said: "Popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an (14) \_\_\_\_\_ course." She was happy that Tesco listened to people, saying: "It's really (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to see a supermarket responding to the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of their customers."

*parenting*  
*positive*  
*reducing*  
*welcomed*  
*assault*  
*views*  
*obesity*  
*easier*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

- 1) A major supermarket in the UK will soon remove all \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. candies and chocolates
  - b. candy and chocolate
  - c. candy and chocolates
  - d. candies and chocolate
- 2) This is because it wants its customers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too be healthier
  - b. to be healthy are
  - c. to be healthier
  - d. two be healthier
- 3) It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was a good eye dear
  - b. was a good idea
  - c. was a good eye deer
  - d. was a good I.D. are
- 4) We all know how easy it is to be tempted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be sugary snacks
  - b. by sugary snacks
  - c. pie sugary snacks
  - d. pay sugary snacks
- 5) we want to help our customers lead \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. healthier lives
  - b. healthier life
  - c. healthier lively
  - d. healthier loves
- 6) She said it would help \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. tackle obese city
  - b. tackle obesity
  - c. tackle O.B. city
  - d. tackle obese tea
- 7) This initiative will help people to make \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. healthier choices
  - b. healthier choice is
  - c. healthier chooses
  - d. healthier choosing
- 8) A spokeswoman from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. parent in website
  - b. parent tin website
  - c. parenting in website
  - d. parenting website
- 9) ...can sometimes feel like navigating \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. an assault course
  - b. an assault cause
  - c. an assault because
  - d. an assault coarse
- 10) It's really positive to see a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. supermarket respond in
  - b. supermarkets responding
  - c. supermarket respond in
  - d. supermarkets responding

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

A major supermarket in the UK (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all candy and chocolates from near its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from (2) \_\_\_\_\_ year, there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to (3) \_\_\_\_\_. This is because it wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did a lot of research on the best place to put things in its stores. It said (4) \_\_\_\_\_ its customers thought it was a good idea to remove candies and chocolates (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ lead healthier lives."

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

1. Where are the supermarkets?

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2. By when will the chocolates be removed?

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3. How many customers thought Tesco's idea was good?

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4. Who is Philip Clarke?

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5. What does Tesco want its customers to lead?

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6. What did a health minister say the idea would tackle?

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7. What will the initiative help people make?

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8. What did a parenting website say would be easier because of the idea?

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9. What is like an assault course?

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10. Whose views did Tesco respond to that made someone happy?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

1. Where are the supermarkets?
  - a) the U.A.E.
  - b) the U.K.
  - c) Upper Volta
  - d) the U.S.A.
2. By when will the chocolates be removed?
  - a) September
  - b) 2016
  - c) later this week
  - d) the end of the year
3. How many customers thought Tesco's idea was good?
  - a) two-thirds
  - b) half
  - c) 152,677
  - d) several million
4. Who is Philip Clarke?
  - a) a candy company boss
  - b) a Tesco customer
  - c) Tesco's CEO
  - d) a writer
5. What does Tesco want its customers to lead?
  - a) singing
  - b) healthier lives
  - c) a following
  - d) a campaign
6. What did a health minister say the idea would tackle?
  - a) obesity
  - b) football players
  - c) calories
  - d) cashiers
7. What will the initiative help people make?
  - a) plans
  - b) tastier food
  - c) healthier choices
  - d) time for cleaning teeth
8. What did a parenting website say would be easier because of the idea?
  - a) life
  - b) shopping
  - c) cooking
  - d) parenting
9. What is like an assault course?
  - a) shopping with a child
  - b) the break department
  - c) obesity
  - d) surfing the Tesco website
10. Whose views did Tesco respond to that made someone happy?
  - a) a website
  - b) mothers
  - c) chocolate companies
  - d) customers

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

## **Role A – Checkout**

You think the checkout is the thing that needs improving most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the car park, the aisles or customer service.

## **Role B – Car Park**

You think the car park is the thing that needs improving most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the checkout, the aisles or customer service.

## **Role C – Aisles**

You think the aisles are the things that need improving most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the car park, the checkout or customer service.

## **Role D – Customer Service**

You think customer service is the thing that needs improving most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the car park, the aisles or the checkout.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'super' and 'market'.

<b>super</b>	<b>market</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• remove</li><li>• end</li><li>• food</li><li>• best</li><li>• chief</li><li>• snacks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• poor</li><li>• cost</li><li>• website</li><li>• bit</li><li>• happy</li><li>• views</li></ul>
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# CHECKOUTS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

Write five GOOD questions about checkouts in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# CHECKOUTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'checkout'?
- c) What do you think of Tesco's idea?
- d) What should be on sale at checkouts?
- e) What do you like and dislike about supermarket checkouts?
- f) What do you think of waiting at checkouts?
- g) What do you think of online checkouts?
- h) What do you think it's like to work as a checkout cashier?
- i) What do you think when you have to wait a long time at a checkout?
- j) Do you ever buy anything from near the checkout in a store?

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# CHECKOUTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think Tesco cares more about profits or customer health?
- c) How much will removing candy from checkouts help our health?
- d) Should supermarkets stop selling unhealthy food?
- e) What other things can supermarkets do to help our health?
- f) How does removing candy from checkouts make our health easier?
- g) What are the difficulties of shopping with small children?
- h) What changes would you like supermarkets to make?
- i) How might candy companies feel about Tesco's move?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the Tesco CEO?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |                |               |               |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) moment   | (b) tomorrow   | (c) future    | (d) soon      |
| 2.  | (a) brute    | (b) creature   | (c) monster   | (d) giant     |
| 3.  | (a) waited   | (b) waiting    | (c) wait      | (d) waits     |
| 4.  | (a) in       | (b) to         | (c) on        | (d) of        |
| 5.  | (a) boss     | (b) head       | (c) chief     | (d) president |
| 6.  | (a) lead     | (b) plead      | (c) load      | (d) plaid     |
| 7.  | (a) welcome  | (b) welcomed   | (c) welcoming | (d) welcomes  |
| 8.  | (a) tackle   | (b) tickle     | (c) trickle   | (d) truckle   |
| 9.  | (a) profit   | (b) cost       | (c) discount  | (d) payment   |
| 10. | (a) movement | (b) moving     | (c) move      | (d) moved     |
| 11. | (a) assail   | (b) assaulting | (c) assault   | (d) assaults  |
| 12. | (a) sees     | (b) watches    | (c) looks     | (d) views     |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. vmroee all candy and chocolates
2. next to eruomtssc waiting to pay
3. Tesco did a lot of ceasrhr
4. Tesco's chief icxevueet Philip Clarke said
5. tempted by arsugy snacks
6. help our customers lead aiheerhtl lives

## Paragraph 2

7. Jane Ellison edelmcwo Tesco's idea
8. tackle isyteob and poor health
9. contributes to eicundgr the long-term cost
10. Tesco's move was "oviiespt"
11. navigating an assault useroc
12. see a supermarket rngpdenios



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault
- ( ) obesity and poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to make healthier
- ( ) healthier. Tesco did a lot of research on the best place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good
- ( ) idea to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how
- ( ) "positive" and would make life "that little bit easier". She said: "Popping into a
- ( ) sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to pay for their food. This is because it wants its customers to be
- ( **1** ) A major supermarket in the UK will soon remove all candy and chocolates from
- ( ) near its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from the end of this year, there will be no
- ( ) health." A spokeswoman from the parenting website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was
- ( ) Britain's Public Health Minister Jane Ellison welcomed Tesco's idea. She said it would help tackle
- ( ) positive to see a supermarket responding to the views of their customers."
- ( ) easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers lead healthier lives."
- ( ) choices, which all contributes to reducing the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-
- ( ) course." She was happy that Tesco listened to people, saying: "It's really

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

1. major all supermarket candy will soon A remove.

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2. will year end be , of From no there this the sweets.

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3. healthier This is it to wants because its customers be.

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4. thirds Two- idea good a was it thought customers its of.

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5. to customers lives want our healthier We help lead.

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6. help tackle obesity and poor health She said it would.

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7. choices initiative people healthier This help make will to.

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8. cost nation the term our Reducing - to long.

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9. child shop with Popping a into small a.

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10. customers their of views the to Responding.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

A *major / majority* supermarket in the UK will soon remove all candy and chocolates from *nearly / near* its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from *the / that* end of this year, there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to *pay / buy* for their food. This is because it *wants / wanting* its customers to be healthier. Tesco did a lot of research *in / on* the best place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its *customer / customers* thought it was a good *idea / thinking* to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how *easily / easy* it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers *lead / load* healthier lives."

Britain's Public Health Minister Jane Ellison *welcomed / greeted* Tesco's idea. She said it would help *block / tackle* obesity and poor health. She said: "This initiative will *help / aid* people to make healthier choices, which all contributes to *reduction / reducing* the long-term cost to our nation of *obesity / obese* and ill-health." A spokeswoman from the *parents / parenting* website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "that little *bit / bat* easier". She said: "Popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel *liken / like* navigating an assault course." She was happy that Tesco listened *for / to* people, saying: "It's really positive to see a supermarket responding *to / at* the views of their customers."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

\_ m\_j\_r s\_p\_rm\_rk\_t \_n th\_ \_K w\_ll s\_\_n r\_m\_v\_ \_ll  
c\_ndy \_nd ch\_c\_l\_t\_s fr\_m n\_\_r \_ts ch\_ck\_\_ts. Th\_  
s\_p\_rm\_rk\_t g\_\_nt T\_sc\_ s\_\_d th\_t fr\_m th\_ \_nd \_f  
th\_s y\_\_r, th\_r\_ w\_ll b\_ n\_ sw\_\_ts \_r ch\_c\_l\_t\_s n\_xt  
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\_\_sy \_t \_s t\_ b\_ t\_mpt\_d by s\_g\_ry sn\_ck\_s \_t th\_  
ch\_ck\_\_t, \_nd w\_ w\_nt t\_ h\_lp \_\_r c\_st\_m\_rs l\_\_d  
h\_\_lth\_\_r l\_v\_s."

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\_b\_s\_ty \_nd p\_\_r h\_\_lth. Sh\_ s\_\_d: "Th\_s \_n\_t\_\_t\_v\_  
w\_ll h\_lp p\_\_pl\_ t\_ m\_k\_ h\_\_lth\_\_r ch\_\_c\_s, wh\_ch \_ll  
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sh\_p\_w\_th \_ sm\_ll ch\_ld...c\_n s\_m\_t\_m\_s f\_\_l l\_k\_  
n\_v\_g\_t\_ng \_n \_ss\_\_lt c\_\_rs\_." Sh\_ w\_s h\_ppy th\_t  
T\_sc\_ l\_st\_n\_d t\_ p\_\_pl\_, s\_y\_ng: "\_t's r\_\_lly  
p\_s\_t\_v\_ t\_ s\_\_ \_s\_p\_rm\_rk\_t r\_sp\_nd\_ng t\_ th\_  
v\_\_ws \_f th\_\_r c\_st\_m\_rs."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1405/140523-checkouts.html>

a major supermarket in the uk will soon remove all candy and chocolates from near its checkouts the supermarket giant tesco said that from the end of this year there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to pay for their food this is because it wants its customers to be healthier tesco did a lot of research on the best place to put things in its stores it said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good idea to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts tesco's chief executive philip clarke said "we all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout and we want to help our customers lead healthier lives"

britain's public health minister jane ellison welcomed tesco's idea she said it would help tackle obesity and poor health she said "this initiative will help people to make healthier choices which all contributes to reducing the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-health" a spokeswoman from the parenting website mumsnet.com told the bbc that tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "that little bit easier" she said "popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault course" she was happy that tesco listened to people saying "it's really positive to see a supermarket responding to the views of their customers"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about supermarkets. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHECKOUTS:** Make a poster about checkouts and how to make them better. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. HEALTHIER:** Write a magazine article about how supermarkets can make customers healthier.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on supermarkets. Ask him/her three questions about supermarkets. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make them better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. major      | a. important        |
| 2. near       | b. close            |
| 3. put        | c. place            |
| 4. tempted    | d. enticed          |
| 5. help       | e. assist           |
| 6. poor       | f. bad              |
| 7. nation     | g. country          |
| 8. navigating | h. traveling across |
| 9. happy      | i. pleased          |
| 10. views     | j. opinions         |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The U.K.
2. The end of the year
3. Two-thirds
4. Tesco's chief executive
5. Healthier lives
6. Obesity
7. Healthier choices
8. Life
9. Taking a small child shopping
10. Customers

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)