What Happens at A Grocery Store?

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Before he goes to the store, the customer makes a list of things to buy.
The customers go into the store.

They might say:
  "I hope watermelon is on sale today."
  "Don't forget to get dish soap!"
  "Did you bring the coupons?"
The customers get a cart. Some people call it a shopping basket. If they don’t need to buy a lot of things they might choose a small basket they can carry.

They might say:
“Do you want to push the cart?”
“We need to be quick today - it’s almost time for dinner.”
The store worker is putting bananas on the shelf in the produce department.

The customer might say:
  “We need about 5 bananas.”
  “We could make banana pudding!”
  “Make sure the bananas aren’t too ripe!”
The store worker is putting frozen vegetables into the freezer compartment. He wears gloves to keep his hands warm.

He might say:

“I have 2 more boxes of carrots.”
“Broccoli is on sale this week.”
He uses the label machine to put prices on the food.

He might say:
“Corn is $1.75 this week.”
“Peas are on sale for $1.50.”
The store worker is slicing bread and making cookies in the bakery. She wears gloves to keep germs off the food.

The customer might say:

“It smells delicious here!”
“Maybe I need bread for sandwiches.”
“Can we get a donut?”
The store worker is opening boxes of canned fruit. He uses the label machine to put prices on each can before he puts them on the shelf.
The store worker is slicing cheese in the deli department.

The customer might say:

“I need to take a number to wait for my turn.”

“I need a half pound of ham, sliced very thin please.”

“Is your pastrami fresh?”
The store worker is pulling a load of pop to the pop aisle. Then he will put it all on the shelf.
The customer is comparing the price of a big bottle of pop, and small bottles.

He might say:

“Which pop should I buy?”
“I think I have a coupon for 25 cents off.”
“We need pop for our popcorn and movie night tonight!”
Some customers go through the self serve line. They scan their own groceries and put them into a bag.

Then they put the money into the machine. A long receipt comes out and the change falls into a little cup.
Some customers wait in line for a cashier to ring up their groceries.

He might say:

“Would you like paper or plastic bags?”

“Do you have any coupons or bottle return slips?”

“Will this be cash or charge?”

“That will be $63.25.”

“Thank you for shopping with us.”
After they put the groceries in the car, they push the cart into the cart collection area. The store workers take them back into the store.