

## Key Facts

- Most towns in France still have specialist individual shops, but as in the UK, people will also do a lot of their shopping at Supermarkets.
- Traditionally, the French shopping week is from Monday to Saturday, however, some larger towns will have Supermarkets that open on Sunday mornings. Smaller shops will close over lunchtime.
- Bakeries (la boulangerie) often stay open at the start of the midday break, and close typically from 1pm to 3pm. Most people like to have their bread freshly baked and will go to the shop to buy bread twice a day.
- Many towns hold a market once or twice a week. People like to buy their fresh produce here, such as meat, cheeses, fruit and vegetables. Markets start setting up from about 7am and are usually packing away around 1pm.
- Going shopping is a social occasion. People working in shops know the locals well, and both workers and shoppers spend time asking how each other is. Generally, there is a lack of haste, especially in smaller shops and towns/villages.

## Challenges

- Write a picture book for younger children, teaching them the basics of shopping in France.
- Collect empty boxes/containers of food items. Price in euros the cost for the items (use an online currency converter). Set up a role play area and teach younger children the basic phrases for going shopping.
- Use a French dictionary/online translator to research the names of other items for the categories studied in this unit. Create a dictionary.
- Make a video recording of a role play of a shopping experience.



## Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Je voudrais . . .	I would like . . .
Ave-vous . . . ?	Have you . . . ?
Oui, J'ai . . .	Yes, I have . . .
Non, je n'ai pas . . .	No, I don't have . . .
la fromagerie	dairy
la boucherie	butchery
la boulangerie	the bakery
la pâtisserie	pastry
le marché	the market
la bijouterie	the jeweller's
la confiserie	confectionery
le magasin de chaussures	the shoe store
le magasin de jouets	the toy store
le magasin de vêtements	the clothing store
Où puis-je acheter?	Where can I buy?
Vous pouvez l'acheter au/à la . . .	You can buy it at . . .
Vous pouvez les acheter au/à la . . .	You can buy them at . . .
J'aime beaucoup . . .	I really like . . .
J'aime . . .	I like . . .
J'aime un peu . . .	I like a little . . .
Je n'aime pas	I do not like