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# Shopping Riddles



**30 riddles** from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

## Easy riddles ★

1. I have four wheels and a basket but no engine. You push me up and down the aisles, and I get heavier as you go. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I'm a long, thin strip of paper that prints out after you pay. I list everything you bought and what each thing cost. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm a small label stuck on or tied to something for sale. Read me before you decide whether you have enough money. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I scan your things one by one, tell you the total, take your money and say "Have a nice day." Who am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I arrive at the store empty and go home full. I have two handles, and I can be made of paper, plastic or cloth. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. Somebody writes me at the kitchen table before going to the store: milk, eggs, bread, apples. Things get crossed off me one by one. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I'm shaped like a farm animal with a slot in my back. Feed me coins and I keep them safe until you've saved enough. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I live in a pocket or a purse. I fold in half, and I hold paper money and cards. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. When my big red signs go up in the window, prices go down. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. A toy car costs $3. You pay with a $5 bill. How much money do you get back?

    ANSWER _____

## Medium riddles ★★

11. I have black and white stripes, but I'm not a zebra. You'll find me printed on almost every box and bottle in the store, and when a red light reads me, you hear a beep. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. I'm a small piece of paper or a picture on a phone. Show me at the checkout and the price drops. What am I?

ANSWER _____

13. You hand over more money than the price, and I'm what comes back to you. I'm often a few coins. What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. I sit on the checkout counter and add up everything you buy. My drawer pops open with a "ding" to show rows of bills and coins. What am I?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm a long black strip at the checkout. Put your groceries on me, and I carry them slowly toward the cashier without anyone pushing. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I hang in the fruit and vegetable section, or sit by the checkout. Put a bag of apples on me and I'll tell you how heavy it is. What am I?

ANSWER _____

17. I have no handle and no doorknob. Walk toward me and I slide open by myself, then close behind you. What am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I stand in the shop window all day wearing the newest clothes. I never move, never blink and never buy anything. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. A sweater has a price tag that says $20. A sign above it says "Half off." How much does the sweater cost today?

ANSWER _____

20. Sticker packs cost $2 each, and the sign says "Buy 2, get 1 free." You walk out with 6 packs. How much did you pay?

ANSWER _____

## Tricky riddles ★★★

21. I'm a long path between two rows of shelves, and every store has many of me. My name sounds exactly like a short way of saying "I will." What am I?

ANSWER _____

22. I have a head and a tail but no body. What am I?

ANSWER _____

23. I'm the smallest amount of money you can pay. Two other words sound just like me: one means a smell, and one means "mailed." What am I?

ANSWER _____

24. I'm the long, flat top where you pay for your things. My name also means a person who adds things up, one, two, three. What am I?

ANSWER _____

25. An old shopkeepers' saying claims that I am "always right." I walk in, look around and decide what to buy. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

26. In this kind of shopping, you spend no money and carry nothing home. You just walk down the street and look. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

27. A notebook and a pencil cost $1.10 altogether. The notebook costs exactly $1 more than the pencil. How much does the pencil cost?

ANSWER _____

28. One store sells 3 bouncy balls for $6. Another sells 5 of the same balls for $9. Which is the better deal?

ANSWER _____

29. You have two American coins that add up to 30 cents. One of them is not a nickel. What are the two coins?

ANSWER _____

30. You bring back a shirt that doesn't fit, show your receipt, and the store hands you me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

# Answers

Shopping Riddles · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. **A shopping cart**
2. **A receipt**
3. **A price tag**
4. **A cashier**
5. **A shopping bag**
6. **A shopping list**
7. **A piggy bank**
8. **A wallet**
9. **A sale**
10. **$2.** 5 − 3 = 2.
11. **A barcode.** The first one scanned in a store, in 1974, was on a pack of chewing gum.
12. **A coupon**
13. **Change**
14. **A cash register**
15. **A conveyor belt**
16. **A scale**
17. **An automatic door**
18. **A mannequin**
19. **$10.** Half of 20 is 10.
20. **$8.** You pay for 4 packs and get 2 free, and 4 × 2 = 8.
21. **An aisle.** It sounds just like "I'll."
22. **A coin**
23. **A cent.** It sounds like "scent" and "sent."
24. **A counter**
25. **The customer**
26. **Window shopping**
27. **5 cents.** The notebook costs $1.05, and $1.05 + $0.05 = $1.10.
28. **5 for $9.** Each ball costs $1.80 there, and $2 each at the other store.
29. **A quarter and a nickel.** The quarter is the one that isn't a nickel.
30. **A refund**

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at **riddlepedia.com/shopping-riddles/**, where you can also play them as a game.