

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 35: Which is the best?

レッスン 35: どちらが一番ですか?

Target: Comparing shops using superlatives
 目的: 最上級を使って、お店を比べてみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• on foot	徒歩で	• a product	製品
• however	しかし	• incredible	信じられないほど素晴らしい
• an item	品目	• confectionery	菓子類
• a selection	選択	• an aisle	通路
• out of...	の中で	• excellent	優秀な
• an owner	オーナー	• compared to...	～と比較して
• grumpy	気難しい	• by far	はるかに
• specialize in...	～を専門に扱う	• knowledgeable about...	～に詳しい
• goods	商品	• of all	数ある... の中で

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Hello. I'm Suzy! I want to cook dinner tonight, but when I opened the fridge, it was empty. There isn't any food in my house, so I need to go to the supermarket. I live in Lexworth, near the park. There are four supermarkets near my house: Super Fresh, Central Stores, Harrington's and Crespo's. Which one should I go to?

Crespo's is the closest. It only takes 5 minutes on foot. However, it's also the most expensive. All the items in Crespo's are more expensive than the ones in Super Fresh or Central Stores. It is also the smallest. Crespo's has the smallest selection out of all of the supermarkets. The owner is called Mr. Crespo. He is very nice, but he is kind of old. He is definitely the friendliest store owner in Lexworth, but he also works the slowest. No, I don't think I will go to Crespo's.

Central Stores is the furthest from my house. I need to take a bus there. It takes about 15 minutes by bus. It is in the city center. Central Stores is the biggest supermarket in Lexworth though, and they have the widest selection. There are always good deals in Central Stores, so it is probably the cheapest too. The staff at Central Stores always work very quickly because the manager, Mr. Tompkins, is very grumpy. He always shouts loudly at slow staff, and he never greets the customers friendly.

Harrington's is a supermarket that specializes in imported goods. They have stuff from almost every country. Out of the four stores, they definitely have the most interesting selection of products. Their Chinese food section is incredible. They have so many different ingredients. Also, I really love their confectionery aisle. Their selection of chocolate and candy is the biggest out of the four stores. They also have an excellent wine section. They have over 1000 bottles of wine, and compared to the other stores, the staff at Harrington's are by far the most knowledgeable about wine. I love talking to the staff there and getting different recommendations.

Super Fresh isn't the closest to my house. It takes 10 minutes on foot. Also, it isn't the cheapest. Central Stores is cheaper than Super Fresh. However, Super Fresh is closer than Central Stores, and it is cheaper than Crespo's. The staff there are friendly, and they work the hardest of all the staff in Lexworth. Hmm, yes, I think I will go to Super Fresh. Now, what should I cook...

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Answer the questions below

- Which supermarket is the closest?
- Which has the smallest selection?
- Is Mr. Crespo the friendliest or meanest owner?
- Is Central Stores the closest to Suzy's house?
- Which supermarket has the biggest selection of confectionery?
- Which supermarket's staff are the most knowledgeable about wine?
- Which supermarket's staff work the hardest?
- How many superlatives can you find?

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