

Shopping for food

Answers

1.

- a) The customer is surprised by the price and says that the apples are too expensive.
- b) The new word is *manis*.
- c) I think *manis* probably means 'sweet'. The shopkeeper needs a reason for the apples to cost this much after the customer said they were too expensive. 'Sweetness' is an important consideration when selling and buying fruit, so that is why I think *manis* means 'sweet'. Also, I know the sauce *kecap manis* from our local supermarket and I know that is 'sweet soy sauce'.
- d) The way the prices are stated changes from giving the complete price, *lima ribu rupiah* (5 000 rupiah) to just saying the number, *tiga ribu* (3 000). Then, for the final price the customer only gives the first number without saying 'thousand'. She simply says *empat* (4) but both speakers understand this means *empat ribu rupiah* (4 000 rupiah).
- e) I think this means that I would have to remember that Indonesians don't always say all the words when giving prices. They often use the short form. I would need to know that when someone gives a price that sounds very low, such as *lima*, they most probably mean *lima ribu rupiah*.

2.

- a) *Ibu Sugianto membeli daging ayam dan apel.*
- b) *Ibu Smart membeli daging sapi dan anggur.*
- c) *Pak Smart membeli daging ayam dan pisang.*
- d) *Pak Sugianto membeli daging kambing dan anggur.*

3.

If you have any doubts or questions about your dialogues, ask your teacher for feedback.

Sample answers:

a)

S: *Selamat pagi. Cari apa?*

C: *Selamat pagi. Saya sedang mencari pisang.*

S: *Pisang ini bagus. Segar.*

C: *Berapa harganya?*

S: *Harganya enam ribu rupiah per kilo.*

C: *Astaga! Mahal sekali!*

S: *Tapi kualitasnya bagus. Manis.*

C: *Tiga ribu rupiah saja.*

S: *Oh, tidak bisa. Rugi. Lima ribu.*

C: *Tapi pisang ini kurang matang. Empat saja.*

S: *Baiklah. Empat ribu rupiah.*

b)

S: *Selamat pagi. Cari apa?*

C: *Selamat pagi. Saya sedang mencari cabe.*

S: *Cabe ini bagus. Pedas sekali.*

C: *Berapa harganya?*

S: *Harganya dua puluh lima ribu rupiah per kilo.*

C: *Astaga! Mahal sekali!*

S: *Tapi kualitasnya bagus. Sudah matang juga.*

C: *Lima belas ribu saja, ya?*

S: *Wah! Tidak bisa. Rugi. Dua puluh.*

C: *Dua puluh? Hmmm...tapi cabe ini kurang segar. Delapan belas.*

S: *Baiklah. Delapan belas ribu.*