

# The Plastic-Free Convenience Store

## ARTICLE READING

*A plastic-free convenience store asks shoppers to bring their own containers or use paper and glass packaging. Customers can buy rice, pasta, soap, and snacks without taking home many plastic bags. Some products are sold from large containers, so people choose the amount they need. This can reduce waste and may help shoppers save money. However, the system needs planning. Customers must remember their containers, and the store must keep the shelves clean. Some foods also need special packaging to stay fresh. The idea encourages people to think about what happens after they open a product. A small change in shopping habits can create less rubbish over time.*

If you could buy one everyday product from a machine with no plastic packaging, what would you choose?

1. What plastic item is hardest for you to avoid?
2. Would you remember to bring your own containers to the store?
3. What product should a plastic-free shop sell first?

4. Is reducing plastic more important than shopping quickly? Explain.
5. What funny container could someone use for a normal grocery item?
6. How could a store remind customers to bring reusable bags and boxes?