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At the market you can buy bread.
At the market you can buy milk.
At the market you can buy vegetables.
At the market you can buy fish.
At the market you can buy fruit.
At the market you can buy almost anything.
Before you and your child read the book, invite her to look at the photograph on the cover. Ask the following questions: “Who is in this picture?” “Where are they?” “What do you think they are buying?” “What other things can you buy at a market?” After she has explained what is going on in the photograph, ask her if she remembers the title of the book. Have her point to the title. Then ask her to point to the name of the author of the book.

Ask your child to show you the photographs in the book. Talk about the different items featured in each photograph. Ask your child if they are things your family might shop for at the market.

As you and your child read the book, ask her to point to the words. Pause before reading the last word on each page and let your child finish the sentence on her own. Remind her that she can use the clues in the photographs in addition to making the sound of the first letter of the word to help her figure out any unknown words.

After reading the book, invite your child to write a list or draw and label pictures of items your family might buy at the market. The list might include milk, meat, fruits and vegetables, cereal, or soaps and other cleaning supplies. It might even include toys, books, and flowers.

The next time you and your child visit the market, invite her to help. Ask her to find specific products or have her check items off the list as you place them in your shopping cart.

Visit the library and look for other books about markets.
This is the student version of At the Market, one of a series of SFA Big Books developed by the Success for All Foundation to help young children explore theme-related ideas. These engaging books build children’s enjoyment of books, their vocabulary, and their understanding of how printed words and pictures communicate meaning.

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