Hindi Study Guide 29

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# Materials for this Study Guide

* *Beginning Hindi: A Complete Course* (and [[accompanying audio recordings under "Additional Resources"](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Hindi-1)](https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Beginning-Urdu))
  + Unit 4, Chapter 20 – “Discussing Prices”, pp. 308-317
* *Hindi in North India –* [Food Shopping](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/lbc-subtopic/123756):
  + “Outdoor Vegetable Stand”
* [*Language Toolbox* on LangMedia](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/strategies)

# ASSIGNMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

## 1: Discussing Prices

* Step 1: Study *BH* Chapter 20, the first section on “Price Constructions,” pp. 308-309. Read the text and study the examples carefully. Make flashcards for and memorize the information.
* Step 2: Listen to and read Vocabulary 1, pp. 309-311. Practice saying the words out loud. Make flashcards and memorize the vocabulary.
* Step 3: Read Exercise 1, pg. 311 on your own. Ask questions in your tutorial if necessary.
* Step 4: Look up the exchange rate between the Indian rupee and the dollar through an online search. You will also need to search online for prices for the following two dialogues, in the United States and India.
  + **HAND IN:** Write a dialogue, at least 15 lines, in which a student in Delhi, who is about to go to grad school in the US, talks with a friend, who recently returned from their undergraduate studies in the US. Over a cup of chai, they see how the other is doing and discuss their lives (feel free to make up relatives or hobbies!). Then the student going to the US asks about the exchange rate and price of some basic items in the United States.

## 2: Shopping for Fruits and Vegetables

* Step 1: Watch *Hindi in North India –* [Food Shopping](https://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/lbc-subtopic/123756): “Outdoor Vegetable Stand”. Watch the video one or two times, trying to understand the dialogue, then refer to the word document transcript linked below the video and watch it once more. Record any new expressions with flashcards and learn them.
* Step 2: Consider the woman’s behavior. Hindi-speaking shoppers, when going to shops where you can bargain, tend to be quite exacting to ensure good price and food quality. She asks for firm vegetables, rejects some of those offered, and disputes a price.
  + **HAND IN:** Write a dialogue, at least 15 lines, in which a customer approaches a सब्ज़ीवाला and buys some small quantities of vegetables and spices. There should be some bargaining for the prices of a few items as well as rejecting bad produce and asking for better ones. You can search online for the average prices of some of these foods and items in India for added realism.

# Conversation Session Preparation

* Be prepared to greet one another and ask how your classmates are doing.
* Be prepared to perform a roleplay in which a student in Delhi going to grad school in the US, talks with a friend who recently returned from their undergraduate in the US. Over a cup of chai, they see how the other is doing and discuss their lives (feel free to make up relatives or hobbies!), then the student going to the US asks about the exchange rate and price of some basic items in the United States.
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* Be prepared to perform a role-play in which you go over to an uncle’s house and greet him. You need to help him label and sell items for a garage sale. There is furniture, old electronics, books, and other household items. Your uncle is indecisive, and you need to ask him what price he wants to accept (*लेना*) for his various items. After discussing, you need to set the prices for at least 5 kinds of items together.

# HOMEWORK TO HAND-IN AT TUTORIAL

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