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Let's Surprise Mom
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Vocabulary
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“Mom does thousands of things for me!” James said to his grandmother. “She cooks. She does laundry. She even traded seats with me on the bus so that I could sit next to the window.”
"I want to do something nice for Mom," said James.

"We could surprise Mom by making her breakfast," said Nana.

"That's a good idea. Let’s make pancakes!" said James.

"I have pancake mix in the cupboard," Nana said.

"Great pancakes don’t come from a box. We need to make them from scratch," James said.
“We’ll need to go shopping then,” Nana said. “Let’s start at the farmer’s market. They sell a variety of fresh fruit. They have strawberries, cherries, and blueberries. We can make blueberry pancakes.”

At the farmer’s market, James picked out some fresh blueberries. “Look, Nana!” James said. “They have some fresh eggs here too.”
“We’ll take a dozen eggs,” James said to the farmer. “Keep the eggs cool,” the farmer told him. “You don’t want them to spoil.”

Then, Nana and James went to the grocery store. They walked up and down the aisles. The shelves were filled with all kinds of food and other products.
“We need flour and sugar,” James said. “We need baking powder and salt too,” Nana added. James found butter and milk in the dairy section.

It was time to check out. The cashier rang up the items for James and Nana. “What are you making?” she asked. James smiled and said, “A surprise for Mom!”
James and his grandmother went to a farmer’s market and bought fresh blueberries and eggs. At a farmer’s market farmers sell directly to you. The fruits, vegetables, and other goods come from local farms. Everything is fresh. The fruits and vegetables vary from season to season. Blueberries can be found at a farmer’s market from April to October. The best time to look for them is in July.

1. Compare shopping at the farmer’s market and shopping at the grocery store. How are they alike? How are they different? Use a diagram like the one below for your answers.

2. What did you already know about shopping at the farmer’s market and shopping at the grocery store? How did that help you as you read?

3. James’s mother *traded* seats with him on a bus. What other things can you trade?

4. What else could James make that would taste good with pancakes? What would he need to buy? Where would he shop?