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Grocery Store Bags

In this passage, Margo and Ernest talk about grocery store bags.

Margo:

I always bring my own cloth bags to the grocery store. I never use paper or plastic bags. I reuse my bags again and again. I do this because less trash is good for the earth.

One grocery store makes you pay for their bags now. There is a charge of five cents for each bag you take. This is a good idea, because it might make more people bring their own bags. I do not want to spend extra money on something I will just throw away. Other people might not want to, either.

Ernest:

I always ask for plastic bags at the grocery store. I never choose paper bags. I reuse the plastic bags again and again. I use them as trash bags in my trash cans at home. I also use them to pack a lunch to take to work. If I have too many bags, I can take them back to the store. The store will recycle them for me. But there is a grocery store that now makes you buy the plastic bags for five cents each. I will not shop there anymore. I do not want to pay for something that I can get for free at another store.

