

1. Go to <https://www.newreaderspress.com/why-are-so-many-grocery-store-shelves-empty>

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2. First, look at the comprehension questions at the bottom of this page, then listen to and read the article "**Why Are So Many Grocery Shelves Empty?**"



Listen as many times as you wish. Click individual sentences, then say each sentence out loud for pronunciation practice. **Focus on correct syllable stress and intonation. Study the new vocabulary.**

3. Complete the **Article Exercises**.

4. Vote in the **Weekly Poll**.

5. Try the **Word Search**. For a more challenging exercise, try the **Crossword Puzzle**.

6. **Post a comment** to say what you think about the article if you want to (you don't have to use your real name).

7. **Answer the comprehension questions using complete sentences.** You will find some of the information in the news article; other questions are based on your own experience.

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is the biggest reason that food shelves may be empty now?
2. What types of food items do shoppers want right now? Why do they want those items?
3. What is one example of a hard-to-find item related to hair? Why is it popular?
4. What is **hoarding**?
5. What are new rules that some grocery stores have?
6. Where do you shop for groceries?
7. What are some grocery items you almost always buy?
8. Since the coronavirus started, what do you do differently when you go grocery shopping?
9. How often do you go grocery shopping? Has that changed since the coronavirus started?
10. What items have been hard to find in the past few weeks?
11. Do you wear a face mask when you go shopping? Why or why not?
12. Has the amount of money you spend at the grocery store changed since the coronavirus started? Why or why not?