



## IN FRONT OF vs BEFORE

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**Don't say:** "I was standing before the butcher's."

**Say:** "I was standing in front of the butcher's."

We use **before** to talk about time, whereas we use **in front of** when we talk about place.

### SHOPS AND SERVICES P: Peter S: Susan

P: Hello Susan, you have so many bags. Where have you been?

S: Well, I did some shopping before I met you.

P: I can see that. Were you at the new **butcher's** on the corner of Regent Street?

S: Yes, there was a long **queue** in front of the store. They have a **wide variety** of meat.

P: Oh, I should go there one day. I prefer shopping in **delicatessen**. They offer various hams, cheese and wines. I highly recommend it. Where else did you go?

S: I needed to buy some rolls and bread, so I started at the **baker's**. Then I went to the **chemist's** to pick up some medicine. There were too many people at the **fishmonger's**, so I **popped into** the butcher's.

P: That sounds like a lot of shopping. I need to take my clothes and leave them in the **laundrette** and **dry cleaner's** tomorrow because I'm going to a wedding at the weekend.

S: Nice! My mother is celebrating her birthday on Friday, so I should go to the **stationer's** and buy her a birthday card. Also, I want to choose a fine ring at the **jeweller's** for her.

P: Oh, say happy birthday to her!

S: I will.



### VOCABULARY

**butcher's** – řeznictví

**wide variety** – široká nabídka

**queue** – fronta

**delicatessen** – delikatesy

**baker's** – pekařství

**stationer's** – papírnictví

**chemist's** – drogerie s lékárnou

**fishmonger's** – prodejce ryb

**pop into** - zaskočit

**laundrette** – veřejná prádelna

**dry cleaner's** – čistírna

**jeweller's** - klenotnictví

### QUIZ:

Complete sentences with "in front of" or "before".

1. She was standing \_\_\_\_\_ the fishmonger's.
2. I wanted to go to the baker's \_\_\_\_\_ they close.
3. There is a long queue \_\_\_\_\_ the delicatessen.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I get to work, I usually buy newspapers at the **newsagent's**.

Key: 1) in front of 2) before 3) in front of 4) Before