

# Re: supermarket cashier again

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Paul J Kriha wrote:

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> Peter T. Daniels <[grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:42B07B52.6054@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:42B07B52.6054@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> Paul J Kriha wrote:  
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>>> Peter T. Daniels <[grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:grammatim@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
>>> [news:42B01F16.22F6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:42B01F16.22F6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>>>> Ron Hardin wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Peter T. Daniels wrote:  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Operatunity was shown in the US for the first time this evening (a sort  
>>>>>> of Pop Idol/American Idol for opera amateurs, but all in one 90-minute  
>>>>>> program), and the big winner was shown at her job -- as a cashier at  
>>>>>> Tesco's. She scanned each item \_and bagged it\_. Those scenes were  
>>>>>> probably shot in 2001.  
>>>>>> --  
>>>>>> Peter T. Daniels  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> Surely it's ``sacked" in some regions.  
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>>>>>> "Sacked" means 'fired' (UK: 'made redundant'). (Talk about  
>>>>>> euphemisms!!!)  
>>>>>> Peter T. Daniels  
>>>>>>  
>>>> Yes, that too, plus in my 'region', "bagging" means "catching"  
>>>> or "stealing" something. :-)  
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>>> When I was in college (over 30 years ago), "bag it!" meant  
>>> 'fuggeddaboutit!', 'blow it off', 'don't bother doing it'.  
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>> I may have heard "bag it!" used downunder in more-or-less  
>> the same sense, but it was probably a straight borrowing  
>> from a US movie.  
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>>> Down'ere, I'd say the cashier or her assistant packs my  
>>> shopping for me.  
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- >> One packs one's luggage for a trip, or objects for shipping. It involves
- >> care and neatness and secureness.
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- > Nearly the same care and neatness is required to pack shopping.
- > All glass bottles have to be packed to prevent glass touching

They still use glass bottles down there? Here they're nearly extinct.

- > glass. The packer prepares separate bags of different
- > categories of product. The classification is done according to
- > presumed destination of each item.

How very anal.

- > Frozen foodstuffs, cold shrinkwrapped meats, and butter get
- > put individually in small bags, then all these refrigerated items
- > end up in a big separate bag. All tins in a separate bag. Bottles of
- > wine get put in individual narrow paper bags and then all in a
- > separate plastic bag. I think the term packing is quite justified.

Wine is not sold in food stores here.

- > And all of that is done at high speed so as not to delay the
- > cashier and the next customer. The current customer is usually
- > fully busy taking finished bags and loading them back onto
- > a trolley (shopping cart?) while keeping an eye on the prices
- > of scanned items on his repeater monitor.

Imagine having a separate bagger and cashier. Here there's a bagger only at the very busiest times.

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