

R-2. Purchasing prepared food from a food center

Essential task

The person is expected to (a) walk at least 20 m (65 ft) to a predetermined food center, (b) purchase two food items, (c) choose appropriate eating utensil(s), (d) transport the food items on a food tray, and (e) serve the food items on a table or eating counter.

Specific criteria

1. This task includes the process of the person getting to the ordering counter of the predetermined food center.
2. The person is expected to order food from a person at an order counter; choosing food from a cafeteria line is **not** an acceptable alternative.
3. The person is expected to choose appropriate eating or serving utensils for the food items.
4. The two food items and the utensils must be carried on a food tray directly to the table or eating counter.
5. The food items and utensils are to be removed from the tray and served directly on the table or eating counter.
6. The food items cannot be placed inside a paper bag or covered in a food take-away container.
7. Purchasing food that is then transported (take-away) to another location (e.g., home) is **not** an acceptable alternative.
8. The person is expected to handle the financial transaction of paying for the food items.

Options

1. The person may choose to purchase any two prepared food items including main meal, appetizer, side dish, beverage, or dessert.
2. The beverage may be served in a bottle, glass, cup, or mug by the server, or the person may obtain the beverage from a nearby refrigerator or beverage dispenser.
3. The serving or eating utensils may include a spoon, fork, knife, and/or chopsticks.
4. The person may also choose straws, napkins, or small packets of salt, pepper, or condiments (e.g., ketchup), if desired.
5. The prepared food items may be purchased at a food center, food court, fast-food outlet, food store, coffee-shop, or food cart provided there is nearby seating for customers and trays to carry the food items.
6. The person may pay with cash, check, credit card, gift card, or mobile phone app.

Restoration

After paying for the food items, the person is expected to return any change, checkbook, credit card, or mobile phone to a secure location (e.g., purse, pocket, backpack). After serving the food items and utensils, the person is to place the tray in an appropriate location. The person also is to wipe up any spills and discard any waste into a garbage container.

Prior to beginning the person should

Be completely familiarized with the **general** layout of the food center, including the location of all needed tools and materials.

Prior to beginning the occupational therapist should

1. Ascertain what prepared food items the person intends to purchase.
2. Ascertain where the person intends to place the tray after serving the food items and utensils.
Note. This information is considered when scoring **Restores**; do not score restoring the tray to a different location than prespecified under **Heeds**).
3. Ascertain whether the person intends to choose straws, napkins, or small packets of salt, pepper, or condiments. **Note.** This information is gathered so that the occupational therapist can be sure that all needed tools and materials are available to the person.

4. Ascertain the method of payment the person plans to use to purchase the items.

Special rules

1. Do not score the person on eating or drinking the purchased items.
2. Do not score the person based on whether or not he or she selects or reserves a seat prior to purchasing the food items.

Required tools and materials

- Money, checkbook, credit card, mobile phone
- Purse, wallet, pocket, or backpack
- Food center, food court, fast-food outlet, food store, coffee-shop, or food cart with nearby seating for customers and trays to carry the food items