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Also how can I say if I bought two apples and they are 79 cents for both? 1. Yes, you do. 2. Yes, they are correct. 3. I bought two apples for 79 cents (it is understood that the total is 79 cents.) Yes, it does depend on what you buy. If you say "I bought something at $100" you are implying that the purchase price was variable. For example, you would buy company shares "at" a price. "Today he bought BP at 449.00 and Royal Dutch Shell at 2,228.50". You use "at" because you are describing the price level at which the shares are being traded. For normal buying - food, clothes, furniture, houses, cars, etc - use "for" as Greyfriar said. Yes, it does depend on what you buy. If you say "I bought something at $100" you are implying that the purchase price was variable. For example, you would buy company shares "at" a price. "Today he bought BP at 449.00 and Royal Dutch Shell at 2,228.50". You use "at" because you are describing the price level at which the shares are being traded. For normal buying - food, clothes, furniture, houses, cars, etc - use "for" as Greyfriar said. That's a very nice sum-up, but I also got an idea that 'but prices vary all the time for anything.' ie, let's say you purchase a pack of ramen on Amazon, the price varies by vendor. In this case how do I decide a preposition? If you want to buy shares you go to a stock exchange. If you want to buy gold you go to a bullion dealer. The price varies from minute to minute. You buy "at" a price. If you buy from an Amazon trader the trader's price does not vary through the day and you buy "for" a price. In other words, what I already said. Skip to main content Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. 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