

# WHAT'S IN A MAMASHOP?

Estimated duration: **15 mins** | Suggested level: **K1-K2** (with parental guidance)

## What your child will need:

- A print-out of this worksheet
- A pencil

## What your child will learn about:

- Heritage
- Numbers
- Tracing and writing
- *Mamashop* (2012) by Dawn Ng

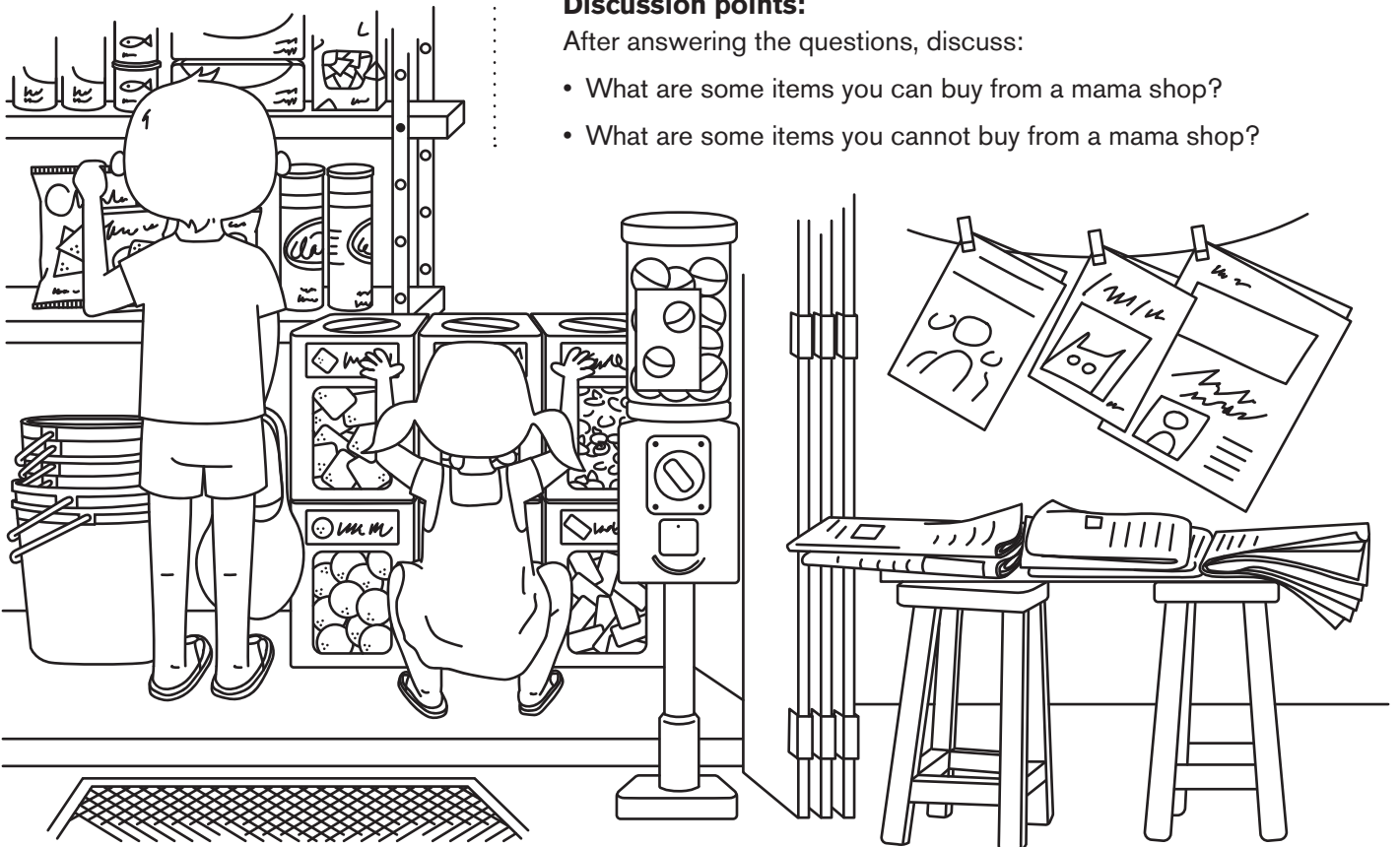
## Activity Instructions:

1. Together, look at the image of *Mamashop* (2012) by Dawn Ng on the next page.
2. Have you been to a mama shop recently?  
Discuss a mama shop or a similar store that you both have visited.
3. Flip to the last page of this worksheet to the activity "What's in a Mama Shop?". You can read out the questions and answer them together!
4. Instead of circling the correct answer, you can colour the right number of items in the boxes.

## Discussion points:

After answering the questions, discuss:

- What are some items you can buy from a mama shop?
- What are some items you cannot buy from a mama shop?



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### DISCOVER THE ARTWORK

Learn about the artwork that inspired this activity!



ARTIST:  
**Dawn Ng**

ARTWORK TITLE:  
***Mamashop***

YEAR COMPLETED:  
**2006**

- This activity is based on the artwork *Mamashop* by Singapore artist Dawn Ng.
- She uses many different types of materials to create art. In this artwork, Dawn took a photograph and added words to it.
- What is a mama shop? A mama shop is a provision or convenience store that used to be very common in Housing and Development Board (HDB) estates. It is usually manned by an Indian uncle or *mama*, which means uncle in Tamil!
- Have you been to a mama shop? Where was it located? Is it near your house?
- Apart from mama shops, convenience stores are places where you can buy all the things you might need, from snacks, shampoo, toilet paper, cooking sauces or oil to newspapers and much more. Have you visited any convenience stores lately, and what are they called? Perhaps 7-11 or Cheers!
- Do you know that there are not many mama shops left in Singapore now? Why do you think they are disappearing? Do you think there will still be mama shops when you grow up, why?

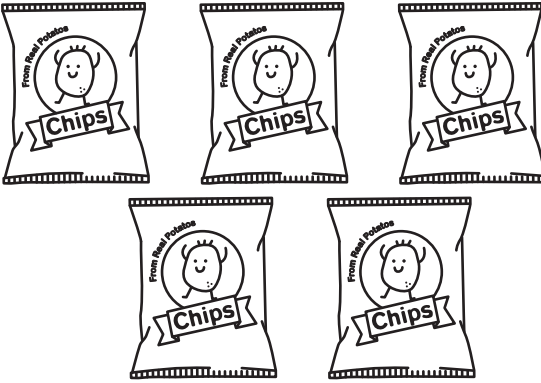
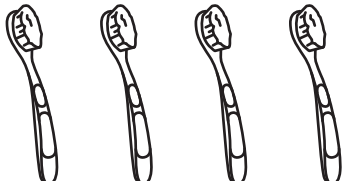




*Mamashop* can be found in the Singapore Art Museum's The Learning Gallery. Scan the QR code below and read page 12 to find out more.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## CIRCLE OR COLOUR IN THE CORRECT ANSWER.

Item	Can you find this in a mama shop?	How many items are in the box?
<p>Potato Chips</p> 	<p>YES ..... NO</p>	<p>5   6</p>
<p>Toothbrushes</p> 	<p>YES ..... NO</p>	<p>3   4</p>
<p>Laptops</p> 	<p>YES ..... NO</p>	<p>1   2</p>
<p>Newspapers</p> 	<p>YES ..... NO</p>	<p>2   3</p>

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