



Lay-by



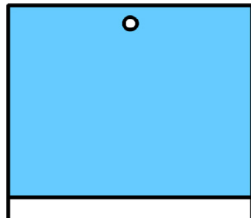
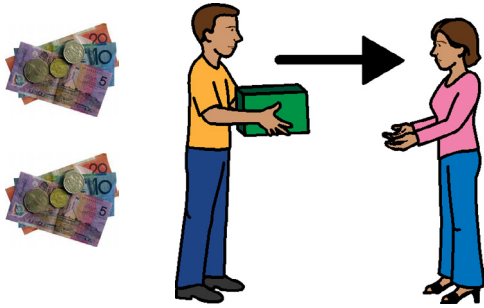
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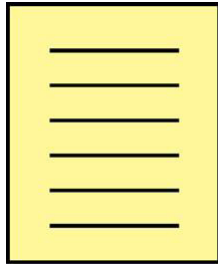
What is a lay-by?

- You want to buy something.
- You pay for it slowly.
- You pay a **deposit** first.
A deposit is part of the full price.
- You make 2 or more payments.
You can ask the shop to highlight or circle how much you have left to pay.
- You have a set amount of time to pay.
- The shop keeps the product.
- You get the product when you finish paying for it.
- Different shops have different lay-by rules.
- Some shops may **not** have lay-by.



What is good about lay-by?

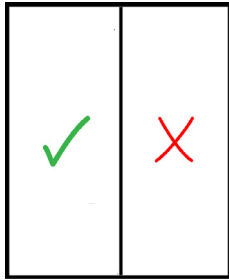
- You do not have to pay any **interest**.
Interest is extra money you pay to the shop.
- Most lay-bys do not have any fees
- You do not have to
 - get a loan
 - use a credit card



What happens when you lay-by?

- You will get a contract. The contract might be your receipt.
- The shop must give you a copy of the contract.

You can get a fact sheet about contracts from Consumer Protection WA.

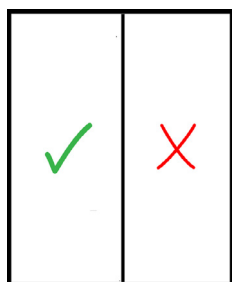


Rules for a lay-by contract

The contract must

- be in writing
- have all the rules. For example, fees when you cancel
- be easy to read. For example, use plain words.

The shop must give you a copy.



The lay-by contract must say

- what you are buying
- the total price
- how much deposit you paid
- how much you still have to pay
- the date you have to pay
- how much money you have to pay if you cancel or stop the lay-by
- the shop name, address and phone numbers
- any other rules for the lay-by.



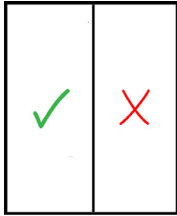
Before you sign the contract

- Read the contract.
- Understand the contract.

When you are happy, sign the contract.



Stopping a lay-by



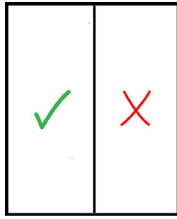
Rules for you

- You must stop before you get the product.
- You might have to pay a fee.
- You do **not** have to pay a fee if the shop breaks or damages the product before you get it.



You must tell the shop you want to stop a lay-by.

The shop might ask you to fill out a form.



Rules for the shop

If you break the rules in a lay-by contract, the shop can stop the lay-by.

- If you do not fix the problem the shop can stop your lay-by.
- The shop may charge you a fee if you stop the lay-by.
- The shop must give you back any money you have already paid.



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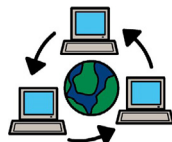
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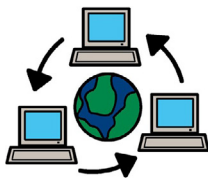


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