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*Users helping users
for over 40 years*

SMARTPHONE ESSENTIALS

All the Best Apps for your Smartphone



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**Suggestions
wanted
for presentation
topics at:**

Monthly Meetings

What do you need to know about computer applications, operating systems, hardware...?

Let me know by sending your topic of interest to:

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SMARTPHONE ESSENTIALS

- Bob Herres Shazam for the Skies
- Lynda Buske Duolingo
- Harvey Hope Our Groceries
- Carol Pearson Gas Buddy
- Debbie Begin Too Good To Go
- Eldon Gaw Maple Scan
- José Costa Pocket



** Bonus - Jocelyn Doire - Pay as you go Cell Phone*



SHAZAM FOR THE SKIES

Bob Herres



**“Where is it going?
Where did it come from?”**

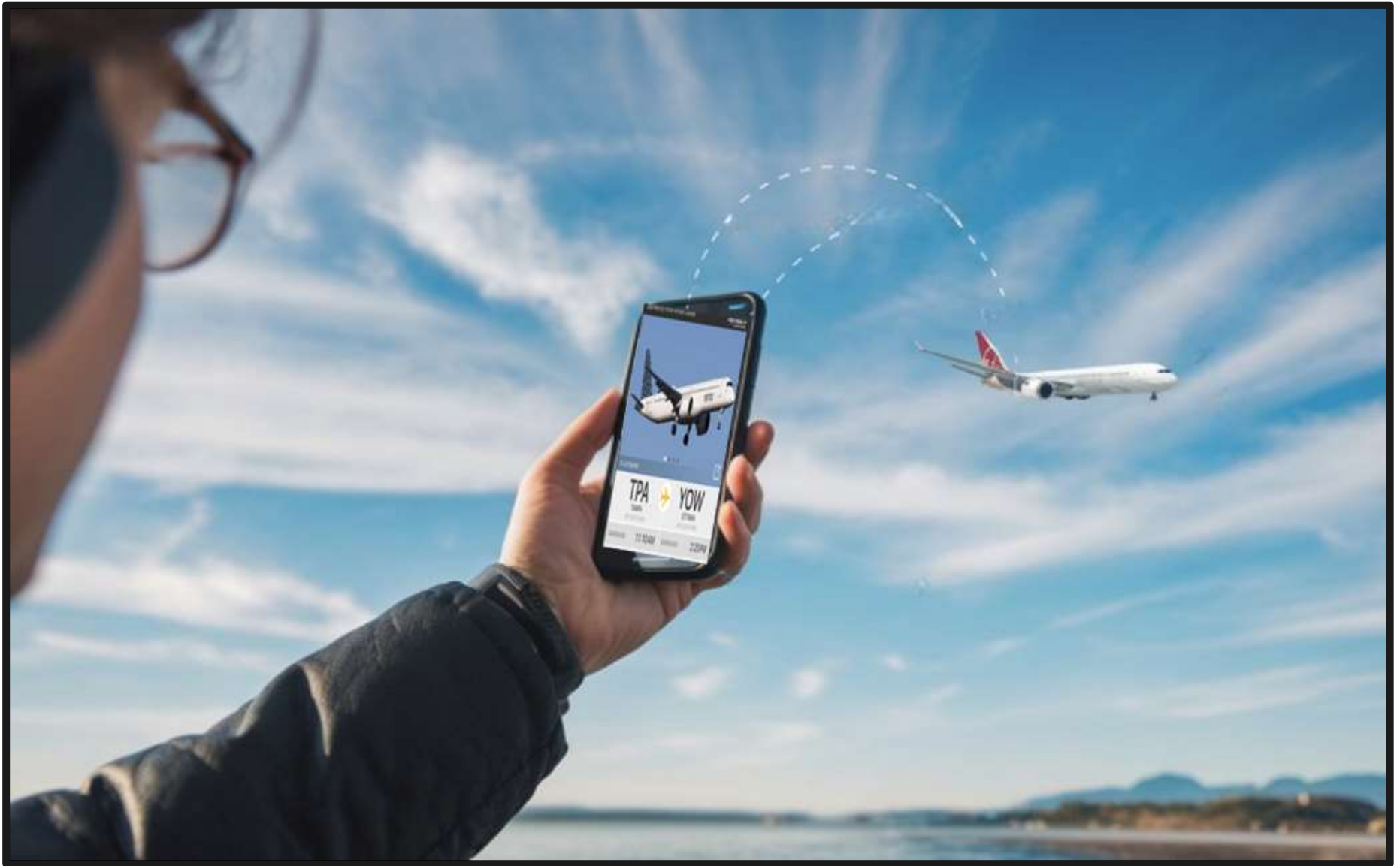


What if you could get:

Instant Answers

Wow!





Shazam for the Skies!



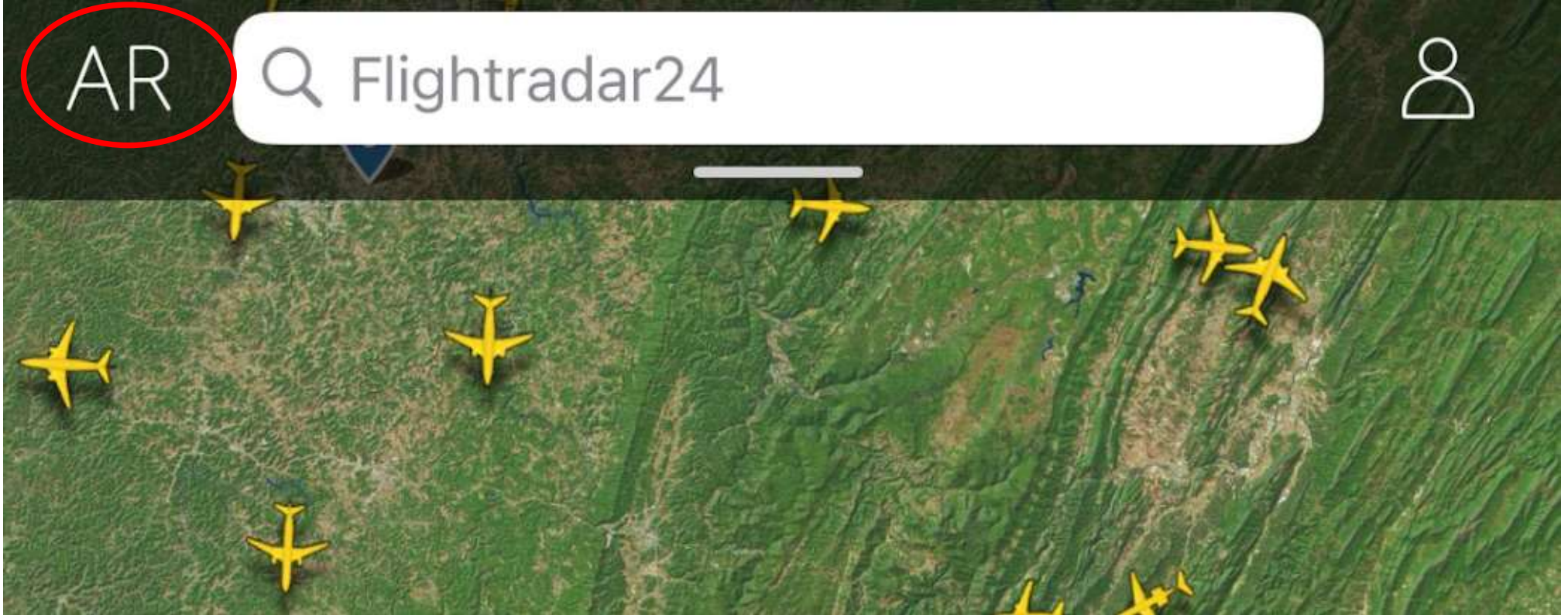
What is **Flightradar24?**

- **Flightradar24** is a free global flight tracking service
- It provides real-time information about aircraft all around the world



How Does It Work?

- Aircraft use GPS Navigation
- Transponders broadcast location, speed, altitude and other data
- Flightradar24's network picks up these signals
- All this information is displayed on a map on your cell phone.



Using the App in

AR Mode

(Pointing at Planes)

Point your Phone's Camera at a
Plane in the Sky...

Flightradar24

Instantly Identifies it

AR "Augmented Reality"



AR Mode

**AR
Mode**

Your Cell Phone Camera Screen
shows: ***Aircraft Icons***

Tap Any Icon

AR Mode



PD2463 porter
YUL → YUL
Toronto Montreal
AIRCRAFT 72' nm away
De Havilland Canada Dash...



© Polar Aviation



AC449 AIR CANADA
YOW → YYZ
Ottawa Toronto
AIRCRAFT 29' nm away
Airbus A320-214



© Kevin Sung

Overview Details



flightradar24

Taking Flight with the App

Tap an Icon to see: Aircraft Type, Altitude, Speed, Origin, Destination, and much more.

It's like being
an Air Traffic
Controller

*without the
Responsibility!*



ACA808 AC808 B788

Air Canada

flightradar24
LIVE AIR TRAFFIC



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TORONTO
EST (UTC-5:00)



AMS
AMSTERDAM
CET (UTC+1:00)

SCHEDULED

8:50 PM

SCHEDULED

10:15 AM

ACTUAL

9:15 PM

ESTIMATED

9:49 AM

More AC808 information



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Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner

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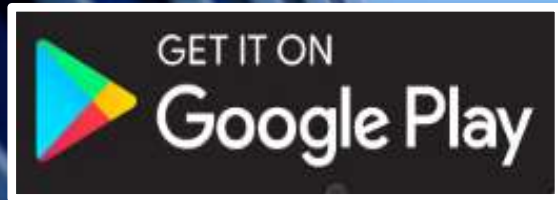


BAROMETRIC ALTITUDE
40,975 ft



GROUND SPEED
532 kts





Fightradar24.com
Website

WJA610 WS610 B737
WestJet flightradar24



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SCHEDULED 10:45 AM		SCHEDULED 4:51 PM
ACTUAL 10:55 AM		ESTIMATED 4:08 PM

Bonus Tip!



When you hear a plane
FightRadar24.com



Thank You
Bob





Lynda Buske

** 43 languages including Klingon*

Duolingo



“With quick, bite-sized lessons, you’ll earn points and unlock new levels while gaining real-world communication skills.”

43 languages including Klingon, High Valyrian & Esperanto!

Why learn another language?

- Wards off dementia
- Helpful with volunteer work
- Great for travel (e.g. French works all over Europe)
- Good time killer while waiting
- Feeling of accomplishment with small effort
- Can be as fun as word games



Duolingo



Pluses

- Free
- Choice of many languages
- Comprehensive, relevant
- You set your own pace
- Bite size lessons
- Tailored to your skill level
- Inclusive (can challenge friends)
- Can do it in silent mode
- Duolingo gives email reminders
- Occasional days with unlimited hearts
- Can suit your schedule
- Can do it on any device
- If you do one lesson can switch to offline mode.

It's fun!!

Duolingo

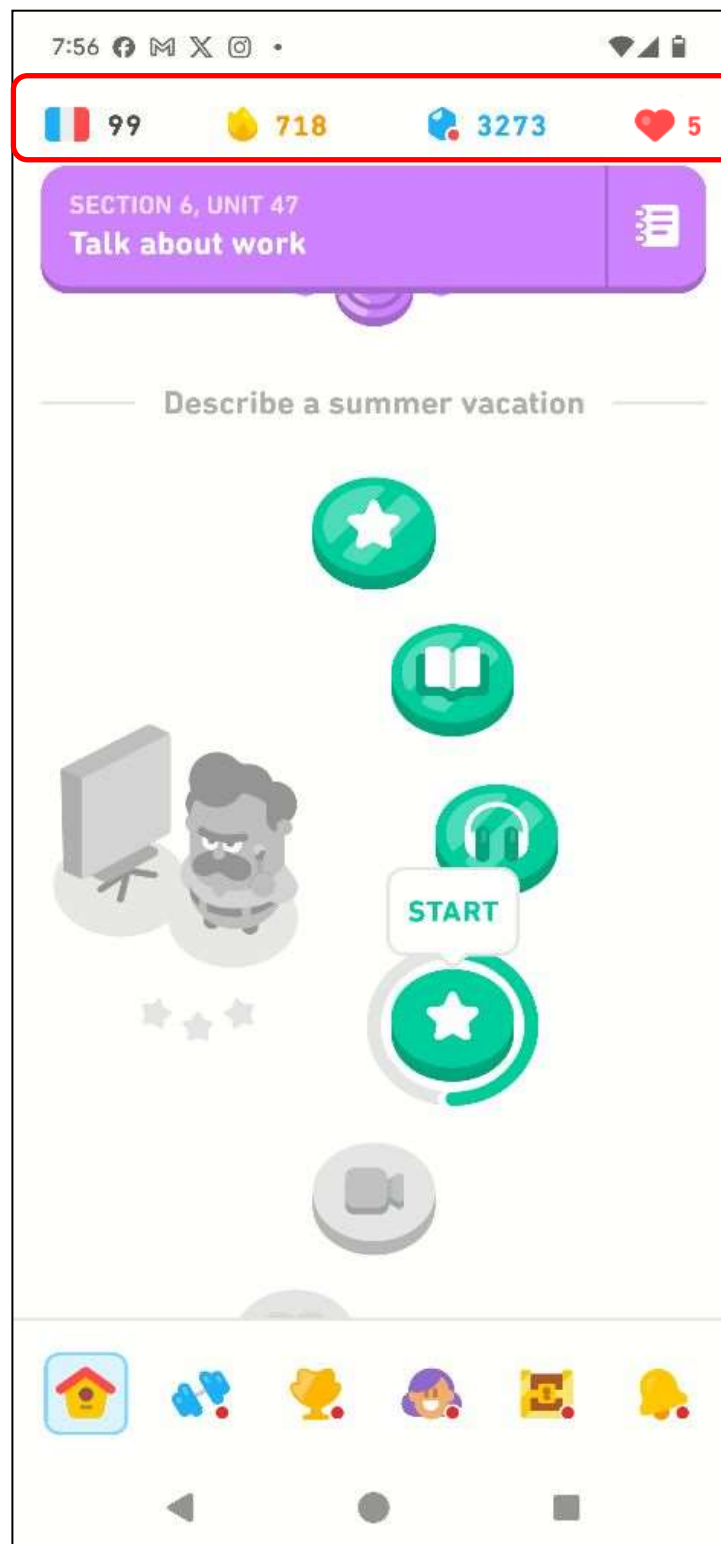
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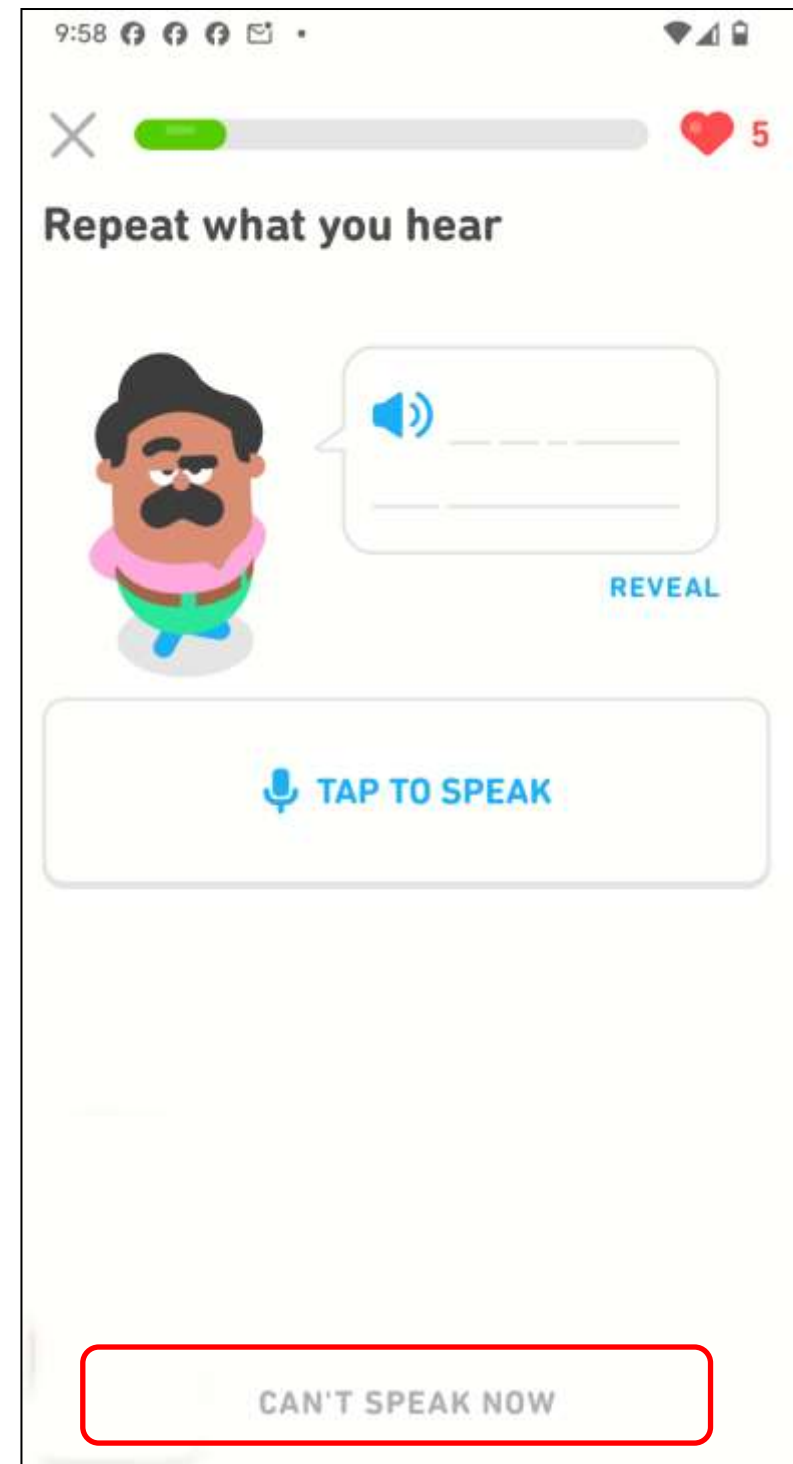
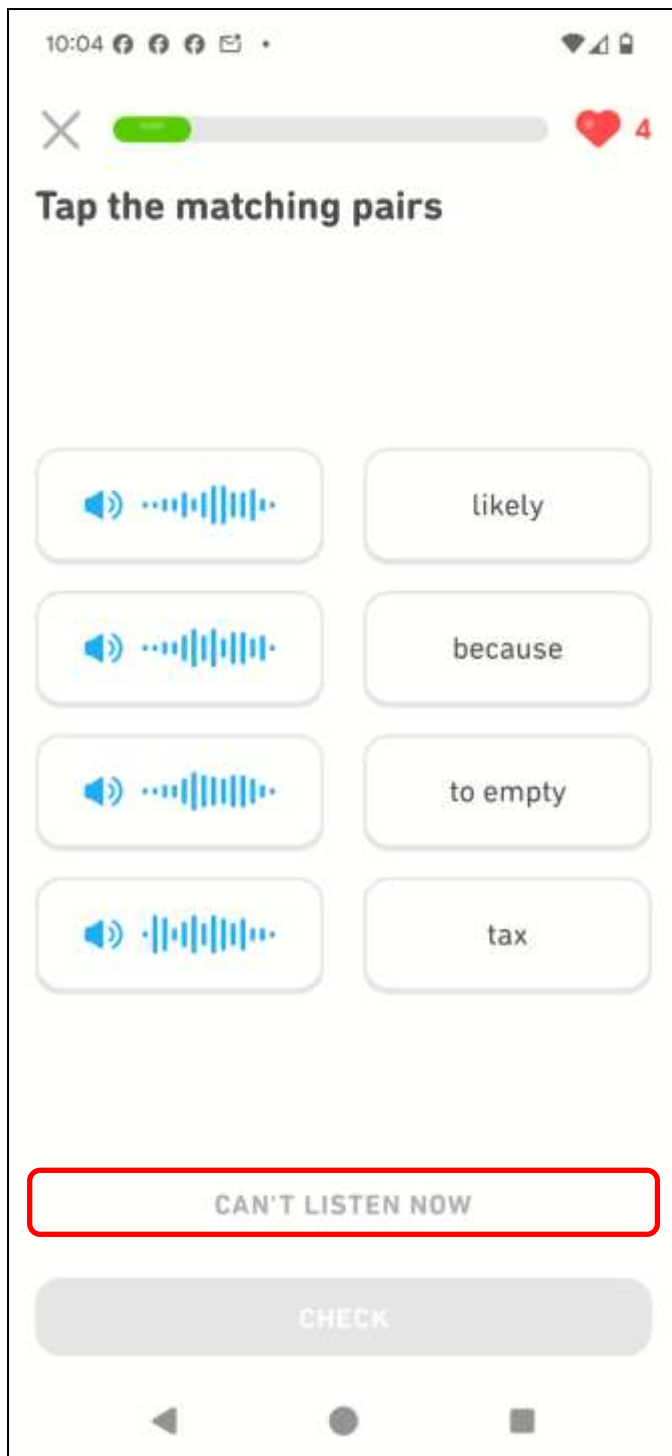


- Ads can be irritating (I have tricks)
- Need internet connection
- Some languages don't have advanced units
- French is European based, probably Spanish too
- Can't conduct a conversation with free version
- Multiple ways to make it tricky to stay on free version

- Pro version is \$7 US/month for 12 month subscription
- \$13 US/month on month-to-month basis
- \$122 US family plan, up to 6 users.

Almost 5 years
without
missing a day!







Canadian
artist
designed
Junior



10:02

✕ 3

Translate this sentence



It's as you like; me, I don't care.

rejetait comme vous fiche C'

en m' serveurs je jurerions

moi voulez est à tout à l'heure

CHECK

10:03

✕ 3

Translate this sentence



It's as you like; me, I don't care.

C' est comme vous voulez

moi je m' en fiche

rejetait

 serveurs jurerions

 à tout à l'heure

CHECK



HARD EXERCISE

Translate this sentence



The steering wheel is
so small.

Type the French translation

Le volant est tellement petit



CHECK

10:01

✕   4

Read and respond

 Monsieur, vous m'insultez ! Bien sûr que j' ai fini votre dossier. Maintenant, si vous voulez m'excuser, j' ai des e-mails à envoyer.

Ce monsieur pensait que...

ses e-mails étaient envoyés

cette personne l'insultait

son dossier n'était pas fini

CHECK

10:05

✕   4

Repeat what you hear

  J'estime que des progrès sont probables.



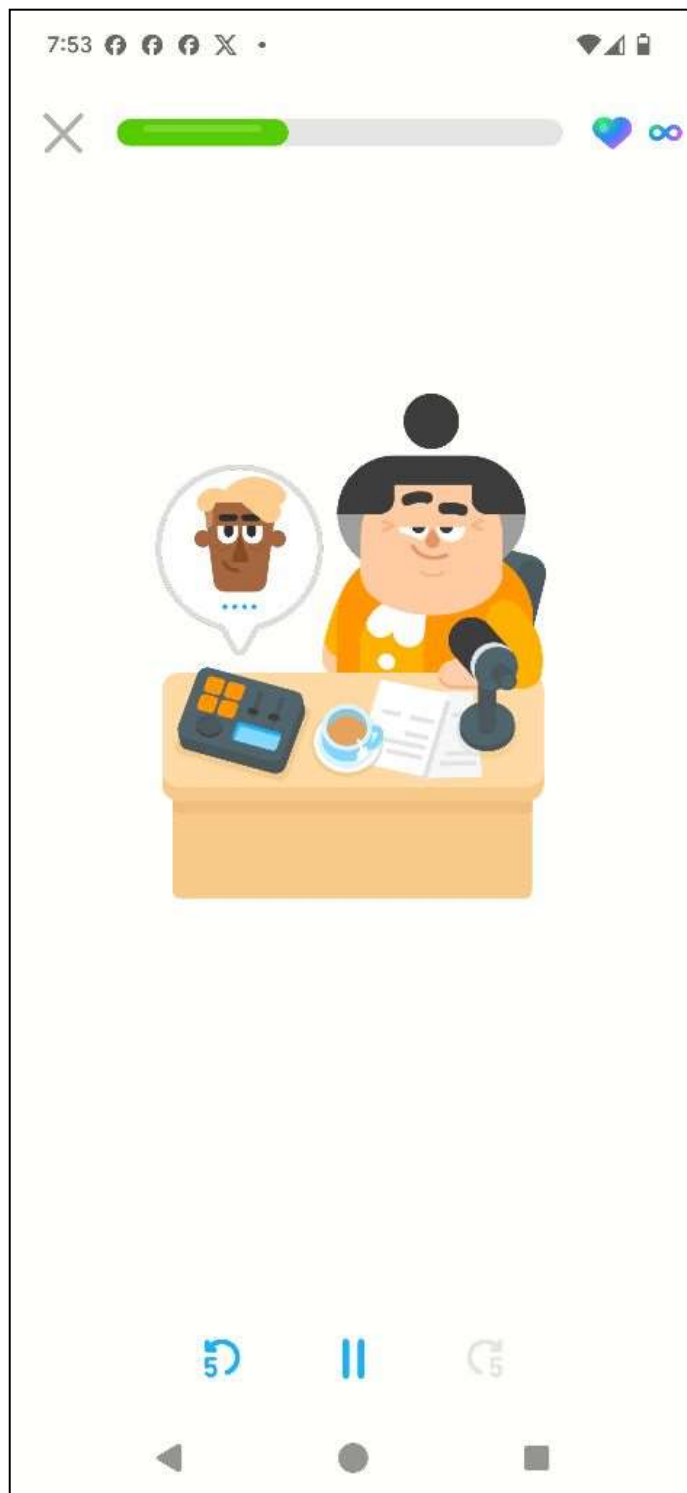
 **Nice job!** 

J'estime que des progrès sont probables.

Meaning:
I feel that progress is likely.

CONTINUE

Translation




Duolingo character calls in and asks for advice from Lucy


No option for silent mode but can skip and do later.




Cachette secrète


 Zari et Lily sont sur le toit-terrasse de leur immeuble, dans le jardin partagé.



 C'est sympa ici ! Pourquoi on ne vient jamais dans ce jardin ?

 Elles entendent du bruit venant d'une grande boîte en carton.



 C'est quoi, ça ?

CONTINUE





L'assurance est comprise dans le prix

CHECK

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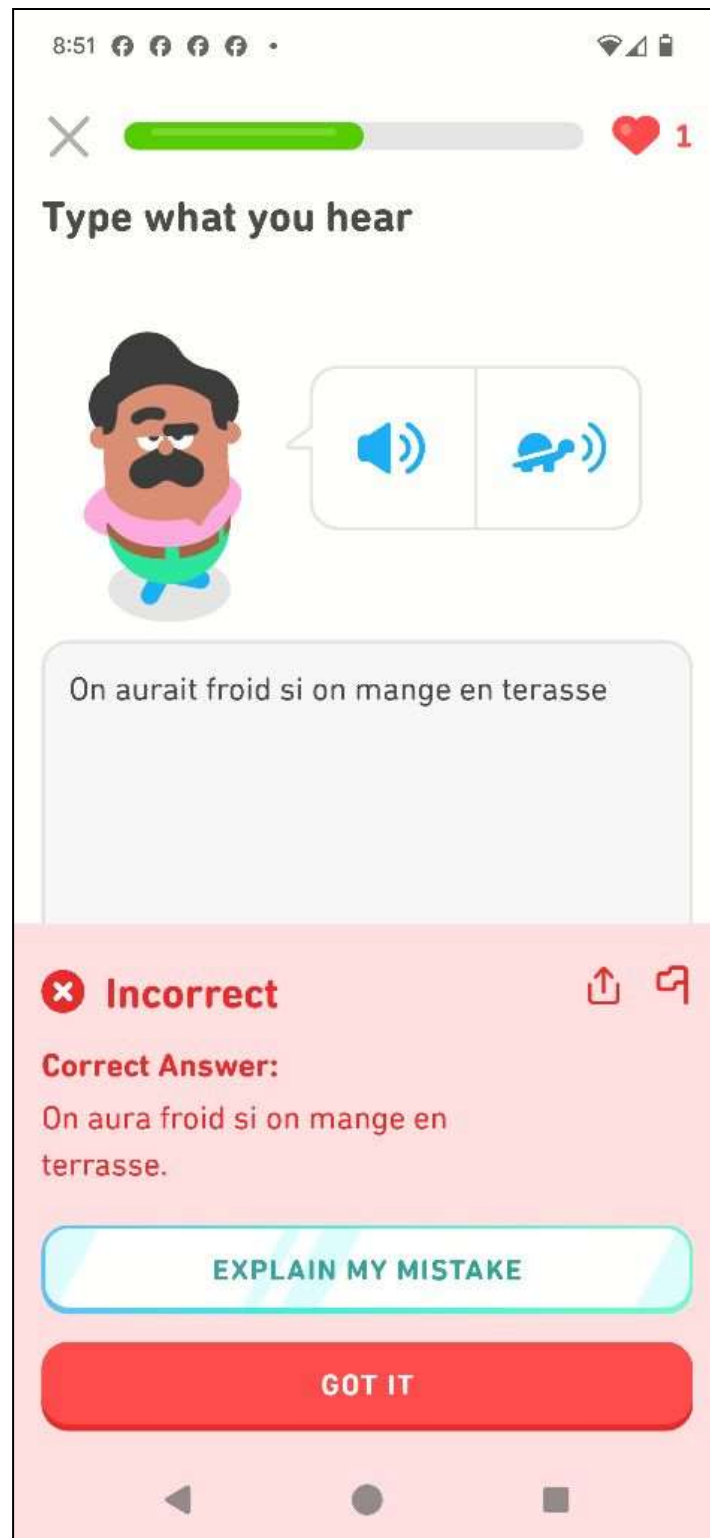
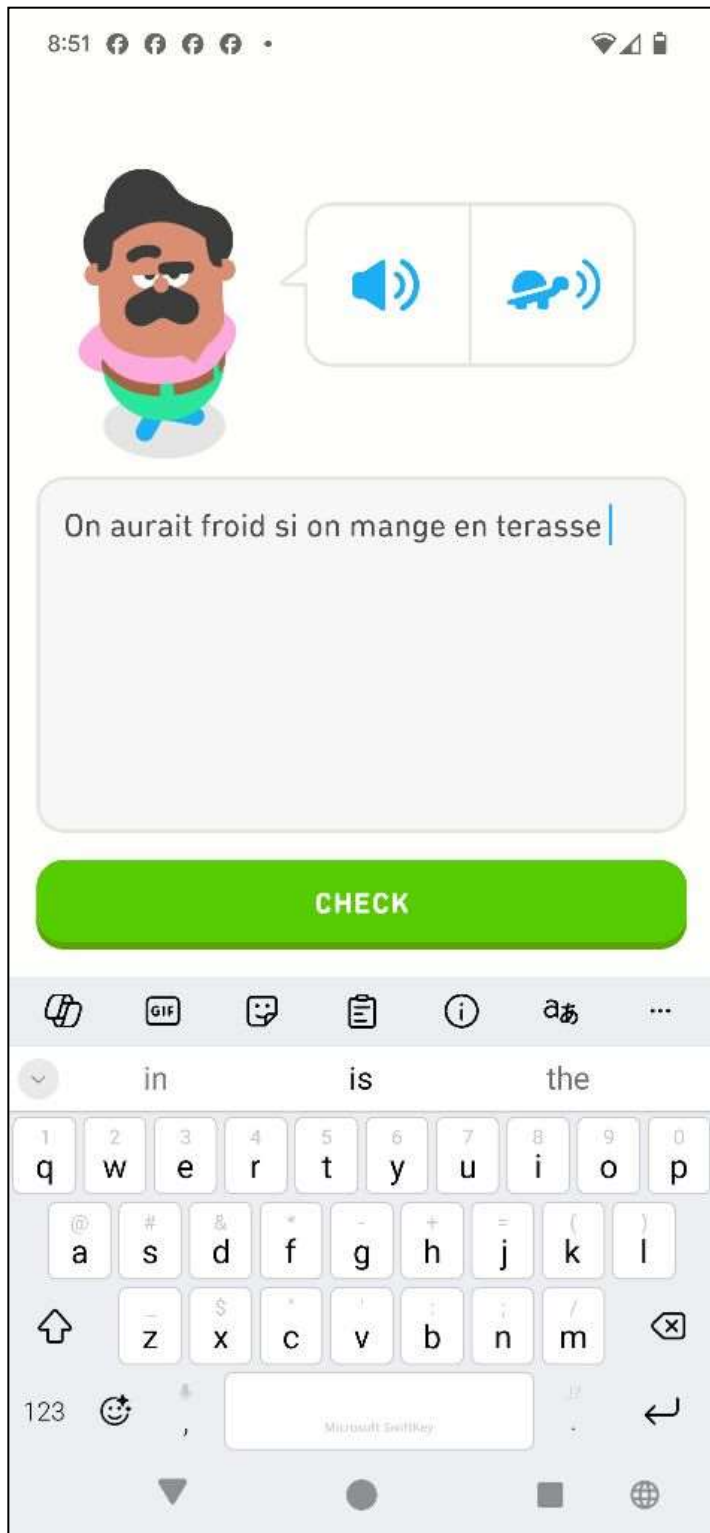
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123 😊 , Microsoft SwiftKey . ↩

[Navigation icons]





Perfect lesson!

Take a bow!

TOTAL XP

⚡ 40

AMAZING

🎯 100%

QUICK

🕒 3:25

CLAIM XP

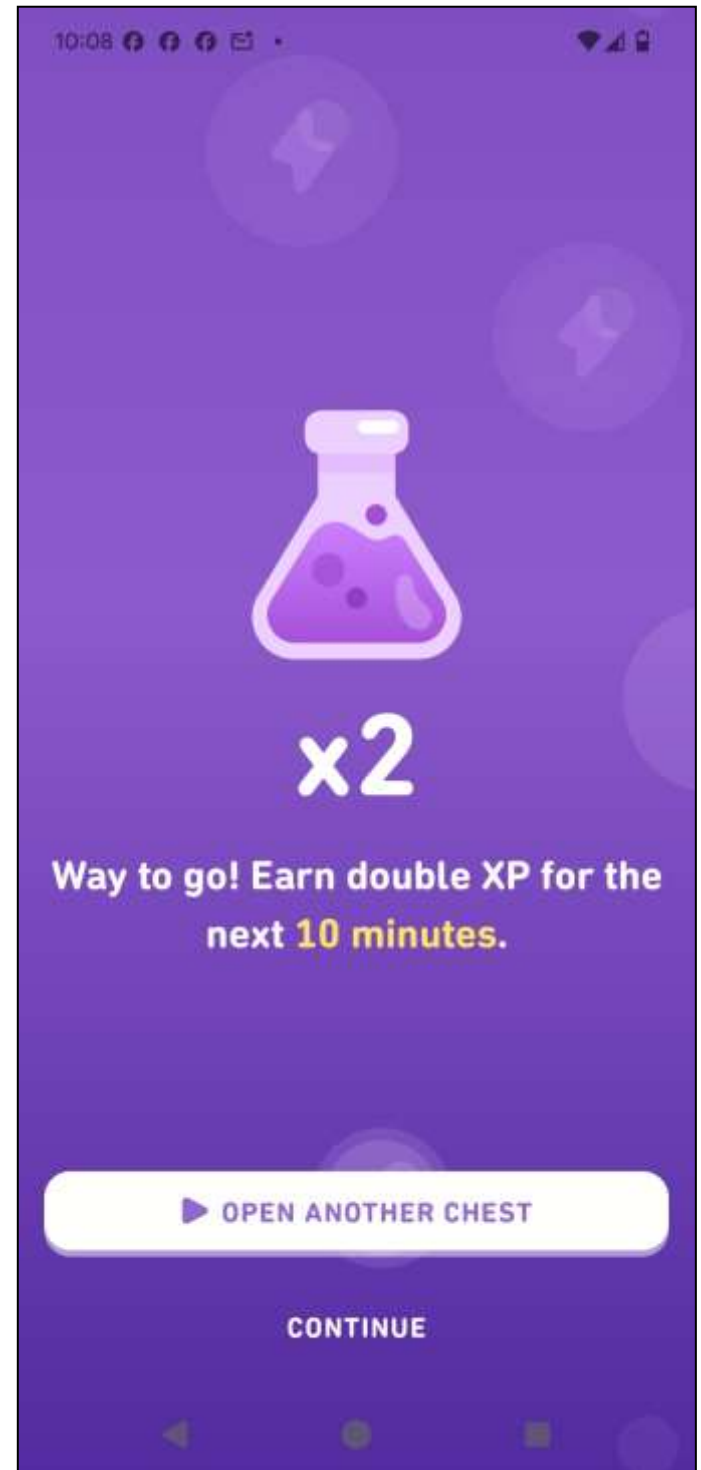
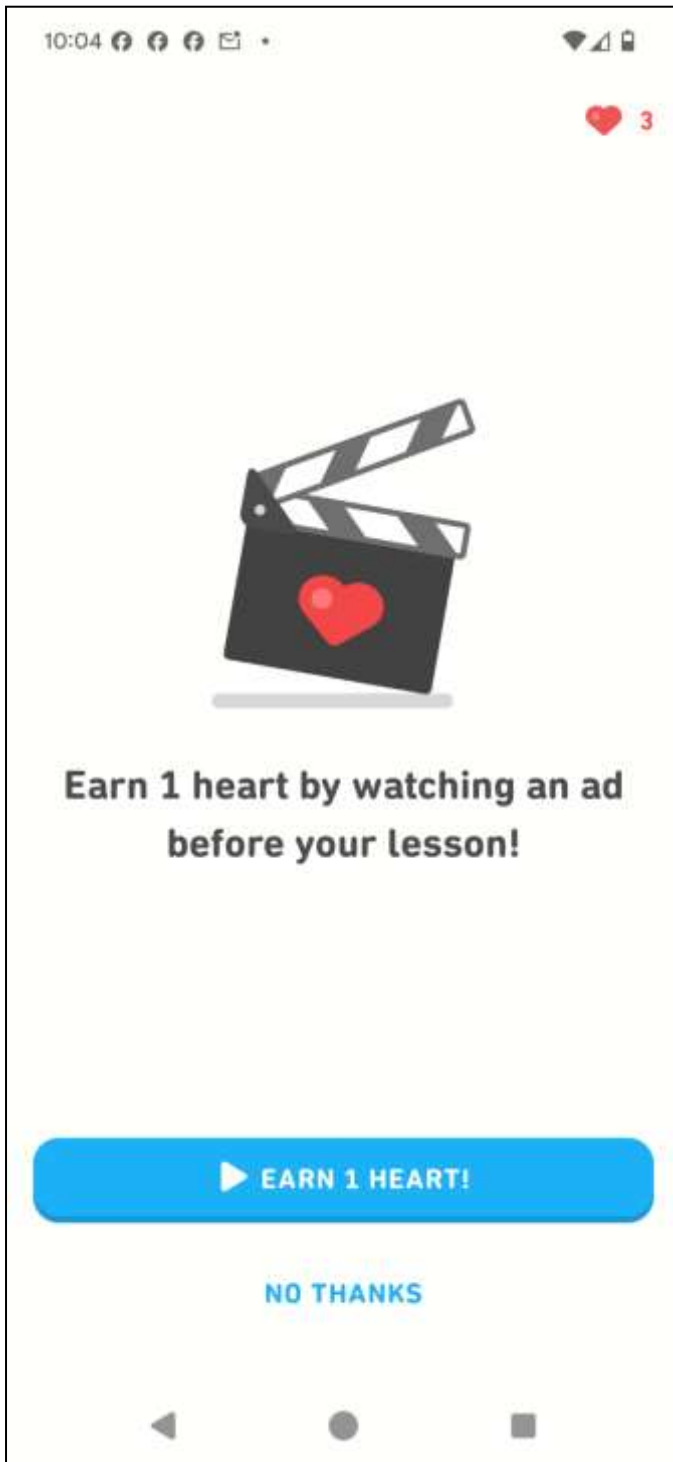


Enjoy your reward!

Keep making great progress!

▶ GET 15 MORE GEMS

NO THANKS



Daily Quests update!



Earn 50 XP



Complete 4 lessons



Score 80% or higher in 5 lessons



February Challenge

1 / 50

CONTINUE

Share

Our Groceries

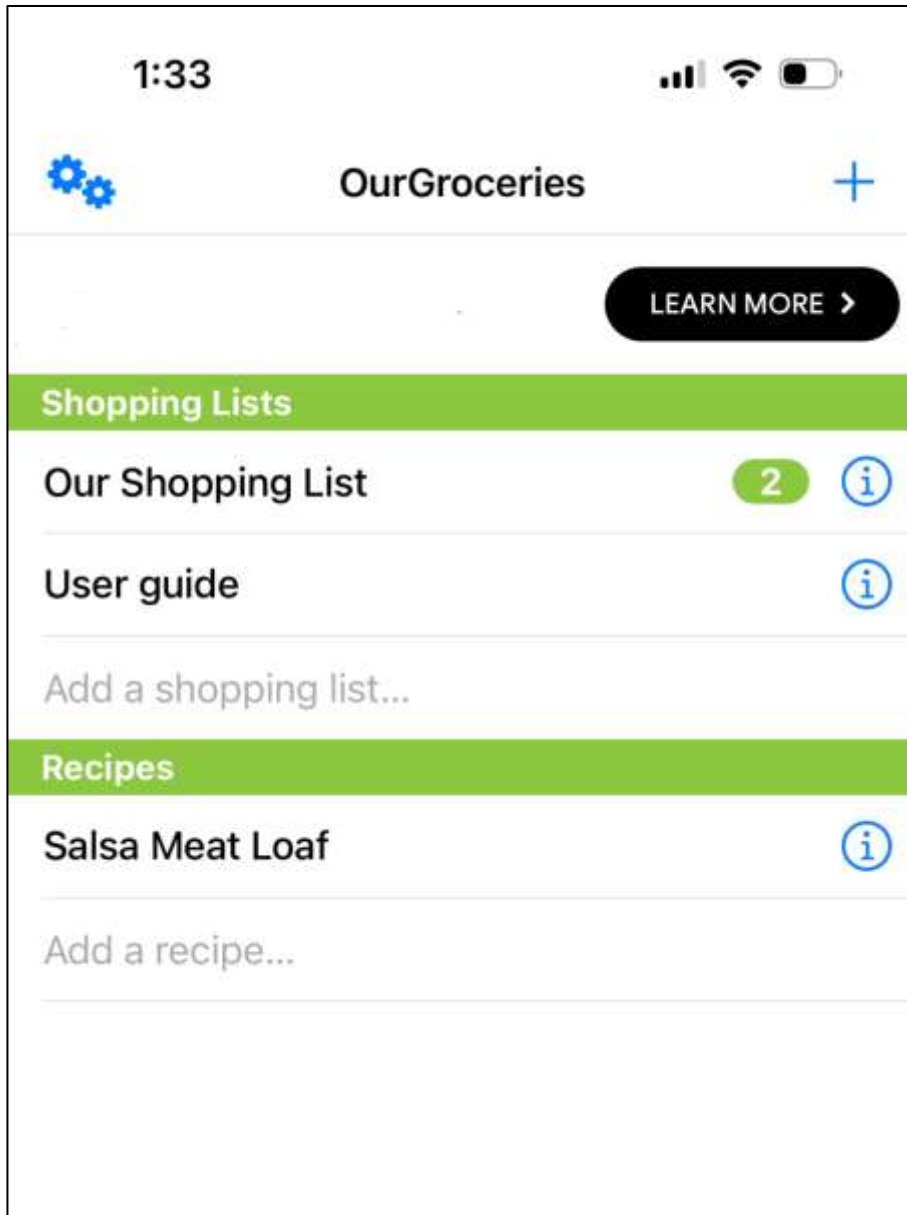
- The easiest way to manage your family's grocery shopping
- Share shopping lists with the whole family
- Plan your shopping with recipes



Google Play: <https://tinyurl.com/2c2uvskn>

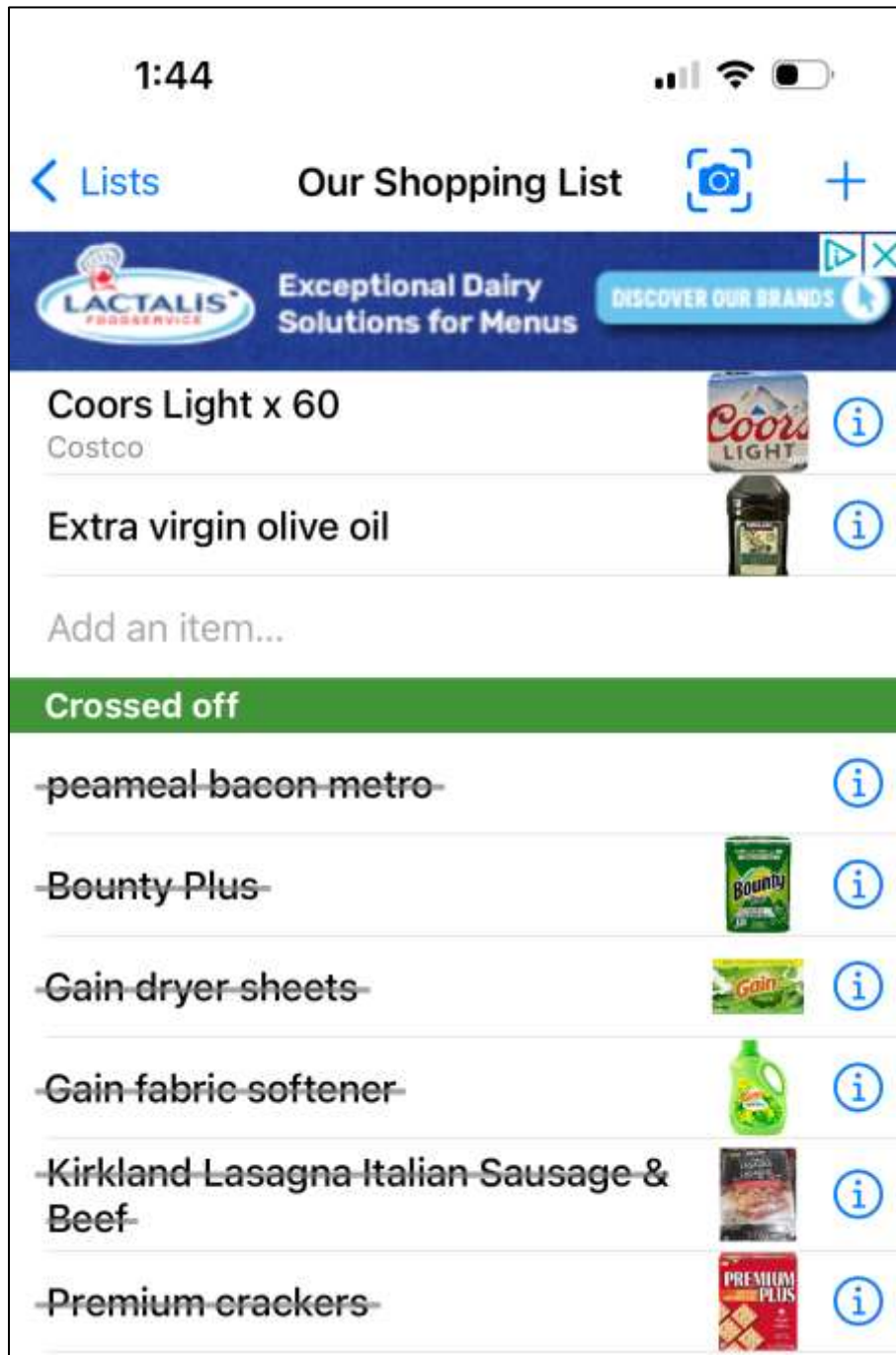
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Harvey Hope



Main Menu:

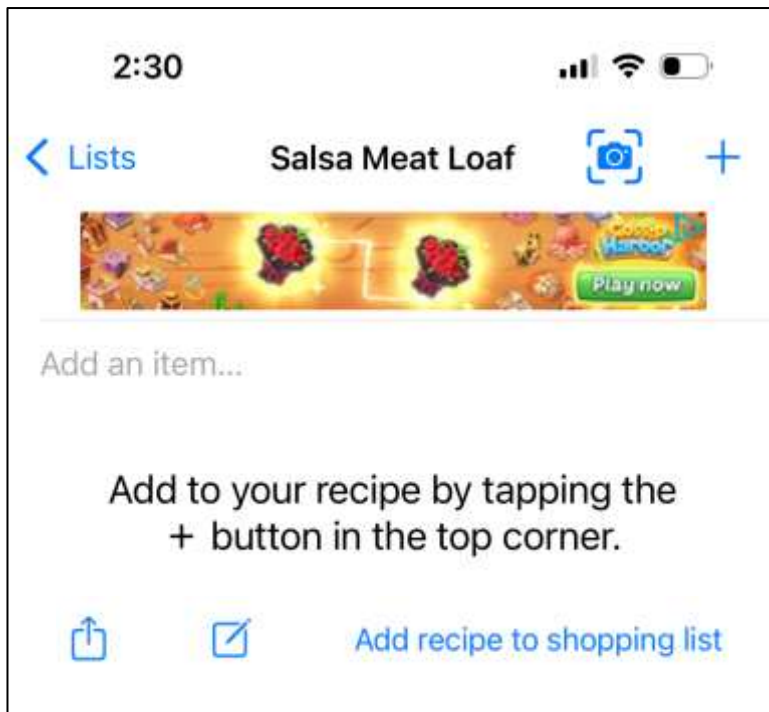
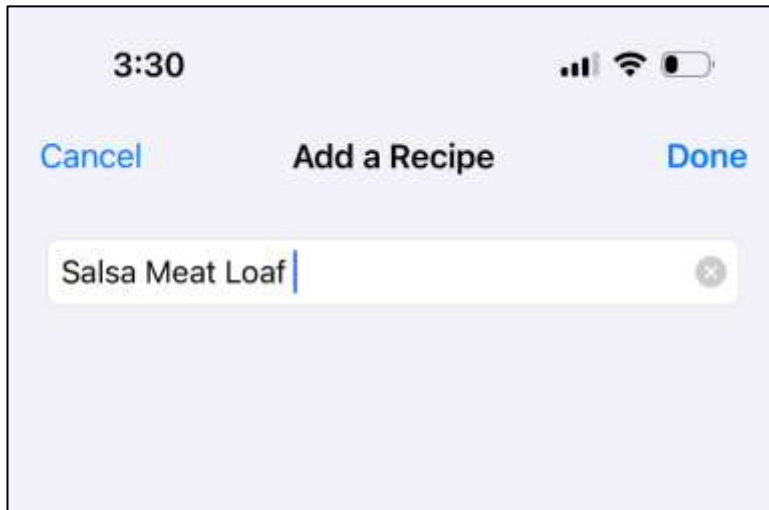
1. Shopping Lists
2. Recipes



1. Shopping Lists


Press and hold an item under Crossed off to include into your shopping list.




Use the same procedure to remove an item from the shopping list.



2. Recipes

In this example,
a recipe is added
for Salsa Meat Loaf.

Tap the  note icon
to edit the recipe.

3:46   

[← Back](#) **Notes and Links** [Edit](#)

Servings: 8
4 egg whites, (or 1/2 cup/125 mL pasteurized egg whites)
1 cup (250 mL) large-flake rolled oats
1 onion, grated
1 cup (250 mL) grated zucchini
3/4 cup (175 mL) grated carrot
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp (5 mL) Worcestershire sauce
3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried thyme
1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
1-1/2lb (680 g) extra-lean ground beef
1/2 cup (125 mL) salsa

In bowl, whisk egg whites lightly; stir in oats, onion, zucchini, carrot, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, salt, thyme and pepper. Mix in beef. Place on greased rimmed baking sheet; form into 13-inch (33 cm) long by 2-inch (5 cm) high oval loaf. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven until browned, about 40 minutes. Spread salsa over top; bake until meat thermometer registers 170°F (77°C), about 20 minutes.

<https://www.canadianliving.com/food/recipe/salsa-meat-loaf>

Notes and Links

Include recipe items, instructions and a link to the original recipe.

Add recipe items to the shopping list.

GASBUDDY

Carol Pearson



Share

GasBuddy App

- GasBuddy is a Free App
- GasBuddy provides gas prices
- Location can be determined by user
- Prices are input by users
- PC site info includes trip planner blogs, link to weekly podcast about all things gas (Over a Barrel)
- <https://www.gasbuddy.com/app>

Share

GasBuddy App

This is on an iPhone-
Home page to GasBuddy
Click on Find Gas



Share

The screenshot shows the Find Gas app interface. At the top, it displays the current location as "Current Location" and a "Map" button. Below this, there are filters for "Price & Distance", "Regular", and "Credit Only". A price spread indicator shows the lowest price at 139.9 (14.93 km) and the highest price at 154.9 (15.29 km), with a spread of 15¢. The app lists several gas stations:

- REGULAR FUEL Within 3KM**
 - MacEwen** (2.85 km): 5 stars (277 reviews), 149.6. Address: 5546 Albion Rd & Mitch... (Buddy_64m700, 39 minutes ago)
- REGULAR FUEL Within 10KM**
 - Stinson** (8.81 km): 4.5 stars (112 reviews), 140.8. Address: 4727 Bank St & Analdea... (MS089, 3 hours ago)
 - Stinson** (8.81 km): 4.5 stars (171 reviews), 140.8. Address: 4726 Bank St & White A... (MS089, 3 hours ago)
 - MacEwen** (5.61 km): 5 stars (128 reviews), 141.8.

At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with icons for "FOR YOU", "FIND GAS", "WIN", "REWARDS", and "MY CAR". A Windows advertisement for "New Windows. 3-Month Deferral" is also visible.

Find Gas brings you to this page. This lists the gas stations in the vicinity of the phone. If you want to look at stations in another place- you can scroll, but I find it easiest to go to the map view and search. You can search the map of Canada and USA.

Share

Information Close up

REGULAR FUEL

Within 3KM



MacEwen

2.85 km

★★★★★ (277)

5546 Albion Rd & Mitch...

149.6

Buddy_64m700...
39 minutes ago

REGULAR FUEL

Within 10KM



Stinson

8.81 km

★★★★☆ (112)

4727 Bank St & Analdea...

140.8

MSD89
3 hours ago

Name of Station
Address of Station
Distance from you

Price per liter?
Reported by?
How long ago?

Share

Filters

WIFI Vidéotron 8:50 AM 98%

Q Current Location Map

Price & Distance Regular Credit Only

Regular

Midgrade

Premium


Diesel

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E85

LOWEST 139.9 14.93 km SPREAD 15¢ HIGHEST 154.9 15.29 km

REGULAR FUEL Within 3KM

 **MacEwen** 2.85 km **149.6**
★★★★★ (277)
5546 Albion Rd & Mitch...
Buddy_64m700... 41 minutes ago

EcoLine Windows
New Windows. 3-Month Deferral **OPEN >**

FOR YOU FIND GAS WIN REWARDS MY CAR

WIFI Vidéotron 8:50 AM 98%

Q Current Location Map

Price & Distance Regular **Credit Only**


Cash or Credit
When there's a cheaper cash price available, we'll show you that first

Credit Only
We'll only show credit and debit prices

Pay With GasBuddy
Stations that don't accept the Pay with GasBuddy card will be hidden from the results

LOWEST 139.9 14.93 km SPREAD 15¢ HIGHEST 154.9 15.29 km

REGULAR FUEL Within 3KM

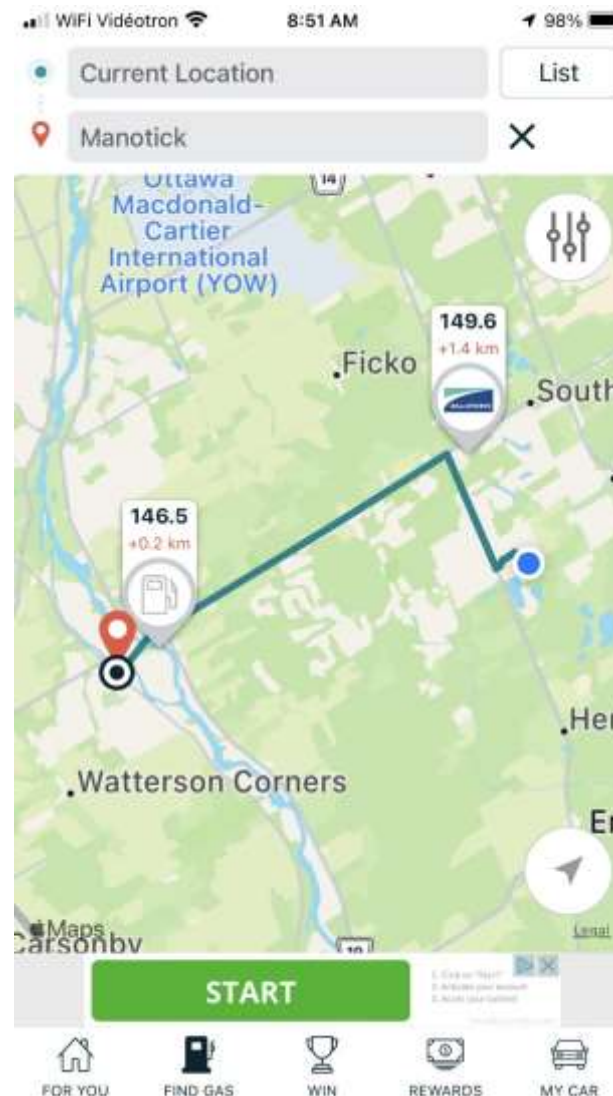
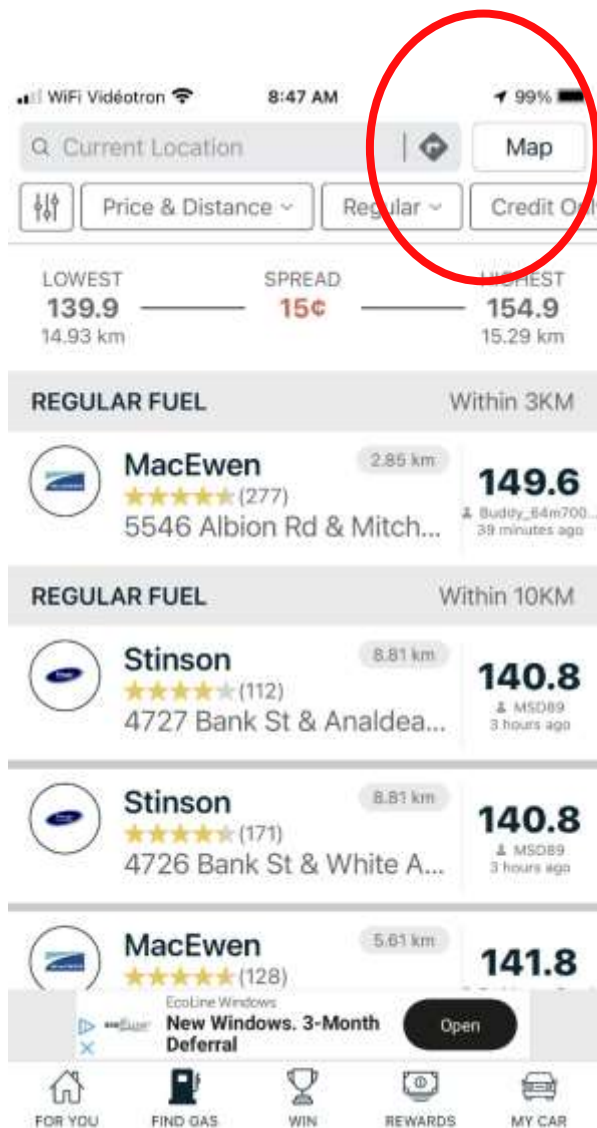
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FOR YOU FIND GAS WIN REWARDS MY CAR

Share

GasBuddy Map view



Share

GasBuddy Price Submission

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MacEwen

5546 Albion Rd & Mitch Owens Rd
Gloucester, ON

613-822-0256

STATION PRICES

REGULAR	MIDGRADE	PREMIUM	DIESEL
148.6	159.8	165.8	171.9

REPORT PRICES

AMENITIES

FOR YOU FIND GAS WIN REWARDS MY CAR

WIFI Videotron 26%

Report Prices Submit

MacEwen
5546 Albion Rd & Mitch Owens Rd 2.85 km

Is this the right station? You seem far away.

Regular
148.6¢ Confirm ✓

Midgrade
159.8¢ Confirm ✓

Premium
165.8¢ Confirm ✓

Diesel
171.0¢ Confirm ✓

OK

Unlimited Access
StartWebTools

SUBMIT PRICE

**GASBUDDY,
AT YOUR
SERVICE!**





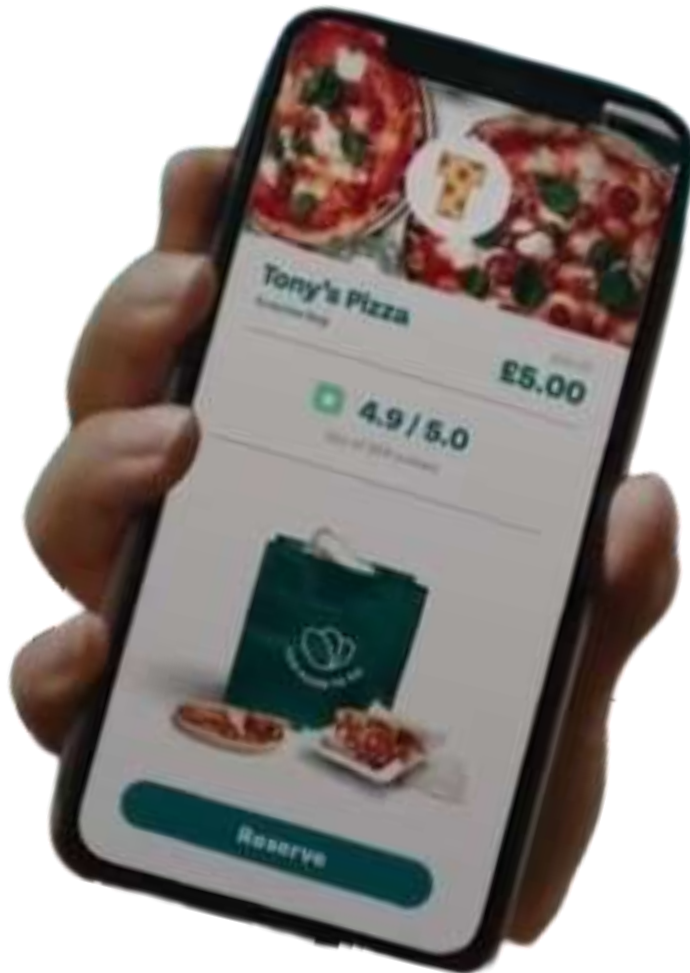
**SAVE GOOD FOOD FROM
GOING TO WASTE**

Debbie Begin

We do enjoy eating...
but *not* the high grocery bills



Recently I discovered the Too Good to Go App...



Reducing Food Waste One Surprise Bag at a Time

What is Too Good To Go?

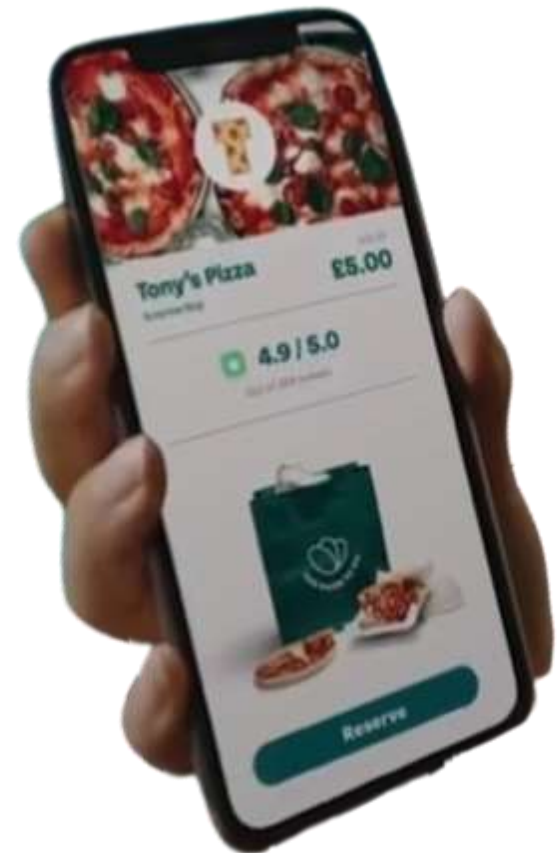
- a platform designed to reduce food waste
- connects consumers with local businesses that have surplus food...

metro

Tim Hortons

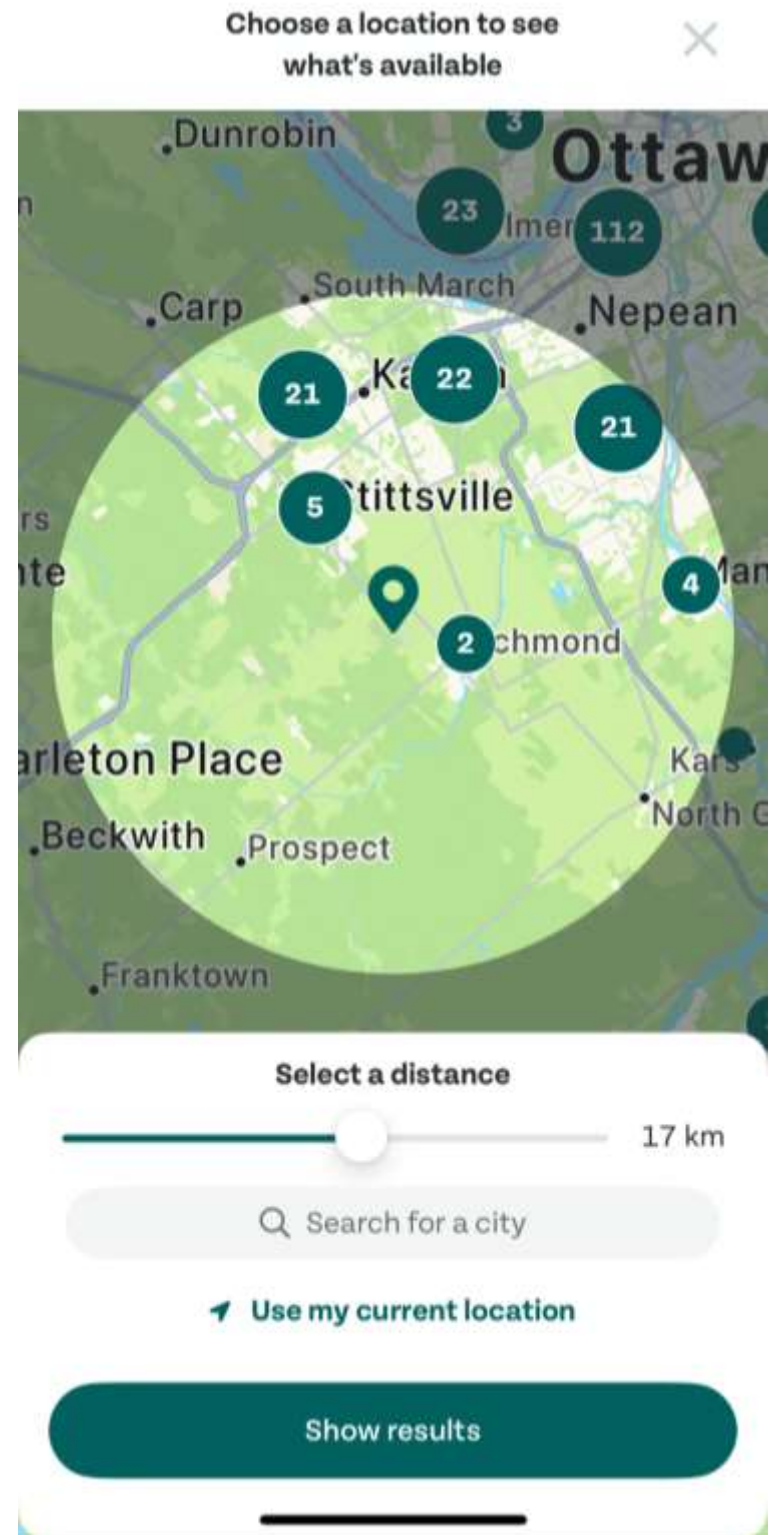
MAVERICK'S
— DONUT COMPANY —

**SHAWARMA
KING**

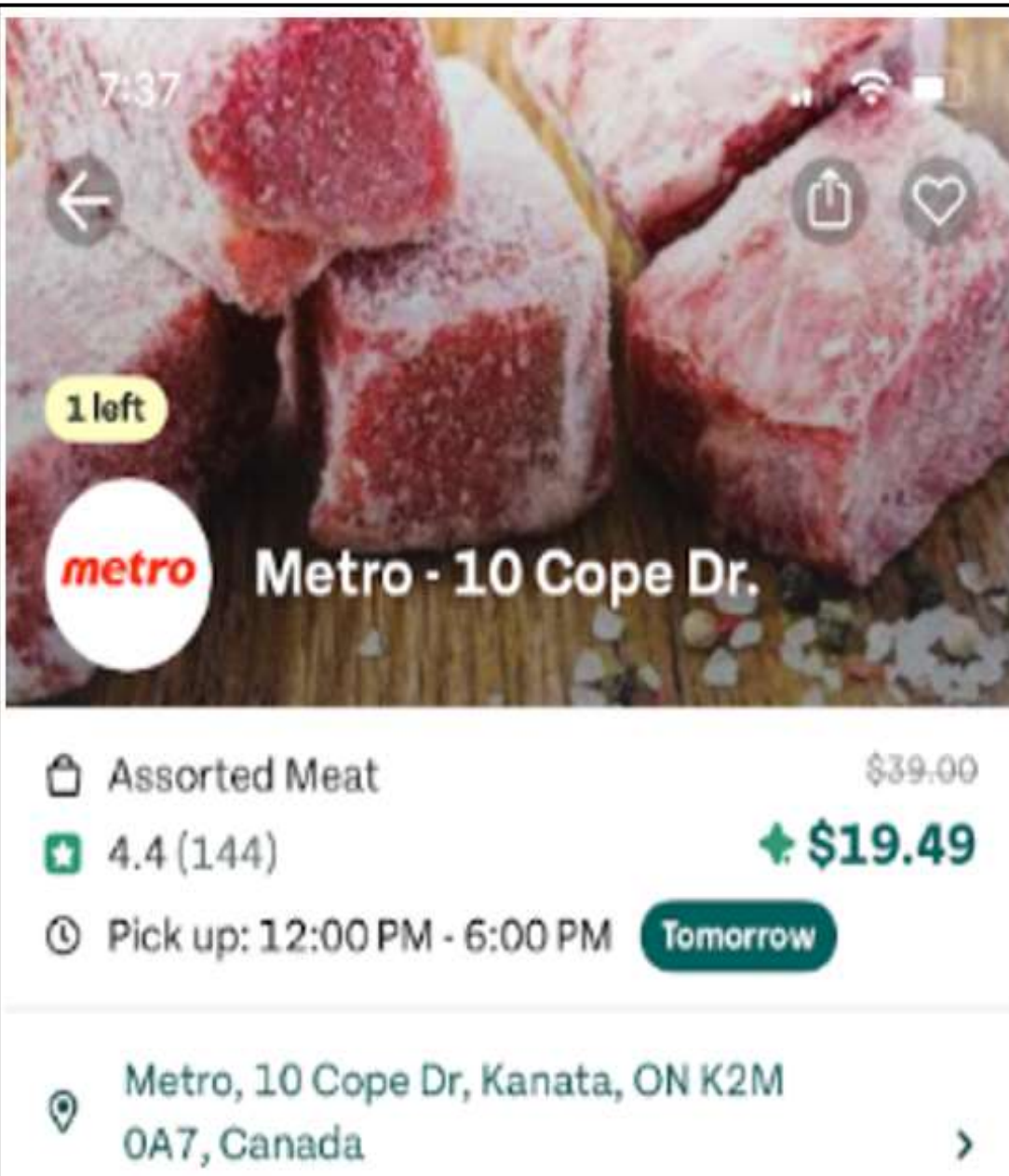


Getting Started...

- Download the app
- Set your pickup area
- Browse offers from various stores, restaurants, cafes etc.
- Choose and buy a Surprise Bag
- Pick-up at designated time

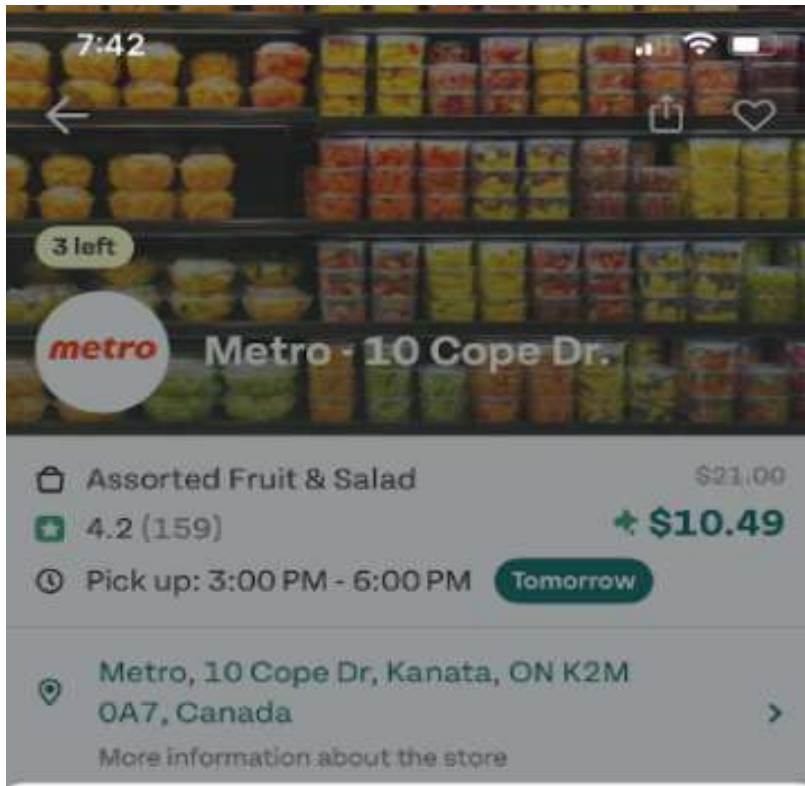


metro Meat Surprise



“What you could get...
“Your surprise bag will contain an assortment of frozen meat. Product could be of any meat type and cut such as chicken, beef, pork, turkey and or lamb...”

Value \$39.00
My Cost \$19.49
Savings \$19.51



Assorted Fruit and Salad

Your bag will be a
Surprise!

We wish we could tell you what exactly will be in your Surprise Bag - but it's always a surprise! The store will fill it with a selection of their unsold items

What you need to know

Your bag will be a surprise

We wish we could tell you what exactly will be in your Surprise Bag – but it's always a surprise! The store will fill it with a selection of their unsold items. If you have questions about allergens or specific ingredients, please ask the store.

Got it!

You're a hero!

Thanks for saving a meal
from going to waste



Too Good To Go

metro

Invite friends to pick up



You can now invite a friend to pick up your Surprise Bag for you!

I'm picking up

Ask a friend

DATE	PICK-UP TIME
Feb 19, 2025	12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

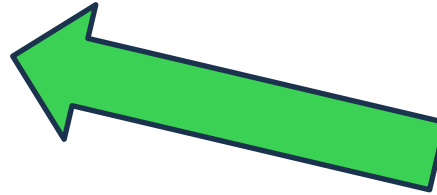
SURPRISE BAG	TOTAL
1x Assorted Meat	\$19.49

PACKAGING

The store will provide packaging for your food, but we encourage you to bring your own bag to carry it home in.

PICK-UP INFO

Please go to Guest Services to pickup your surprise bag. The product will be packed in a paper bag, you may want to bring a reusable bag to put the items in.



metro

Metro - 10 Cope Dr. (Assorted Fruit & Salad)

Pick up tomorrow 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

PAYMENT METHOD

+ Select a payment method

Total \$10.49

By reserving this meal you agree to Too Good To Go's [Terms and Conditions](#).

- 1 +

Reserve

Select a payment method



Payment card



Apple Pay



PayPal



Card number

1234 5678 9012 3456



Expiry date

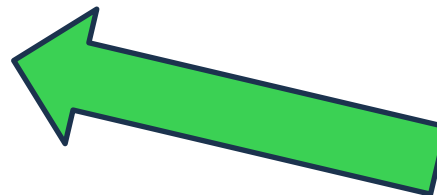
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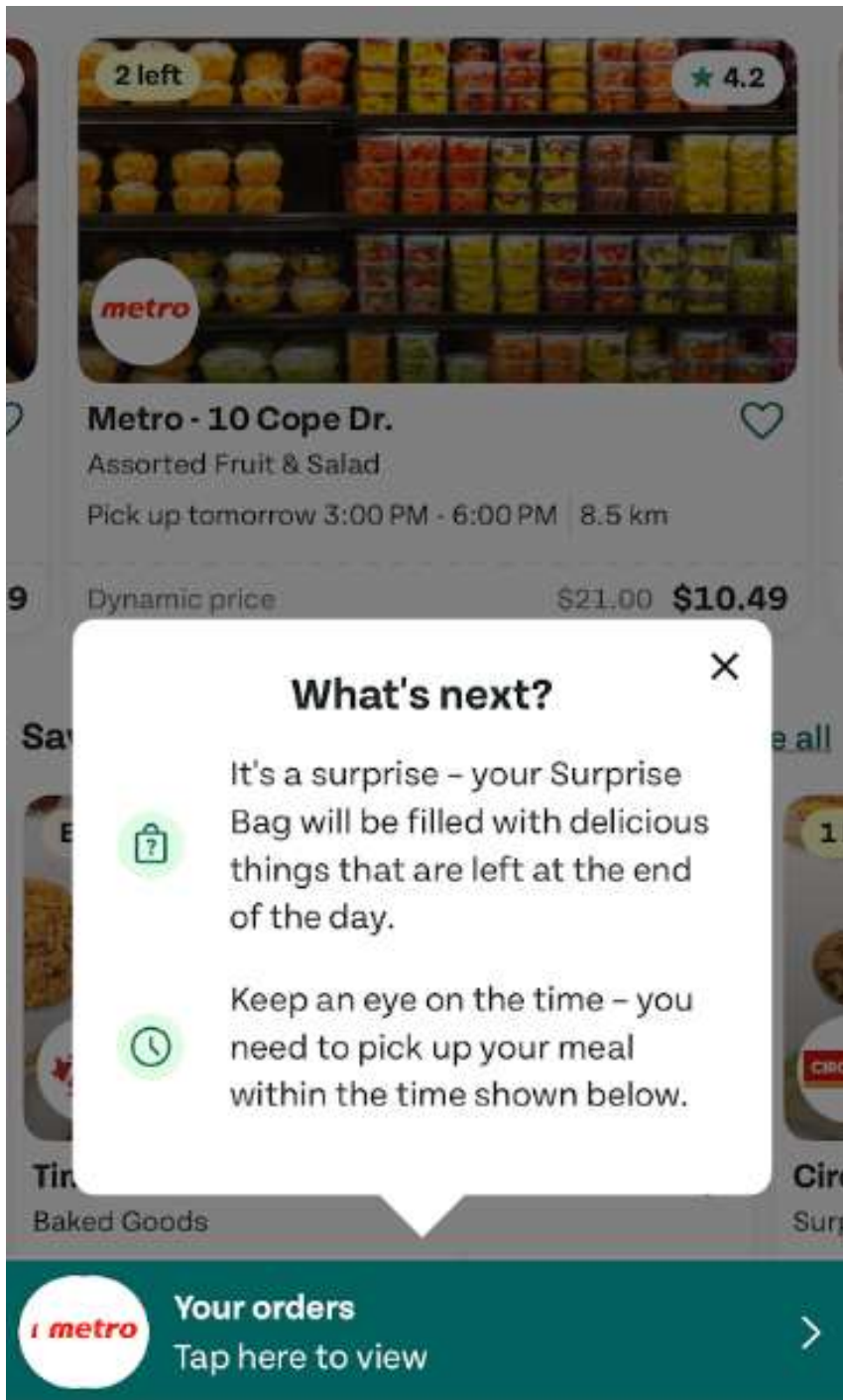
Security code

3 digits



Save for future reservations





What's next?

It's a surprise - your Surprise Bag will be filled with delicious things that are left at the end of the day.

Keep an eye on the time - you need to pick up your meal within the time shown below.



Hi ,



Regarding your order from Metro-10 Cope
Dr. (Assorted Fruit & Salad)

Metro didn't have enough surplus food
available and therefore had to cancel your
order.

We're really sorry for the inconvenience
and we hope you find another Surprise Bag
you like. (On the bright side, no food was
wasted!)

Please note that the amount we had
reserved for your order had not yet been
taken from your account. We've cancelled
the pending payment, and the reservation
will therefore be removed from your
account within a few business days.

metro *My Meat Order was Still On!!*



The next day, I jumped into my car and headed to the store -at the appropriate pickup time of course.

Without waiting for darkness, I opened my plain paper bag... ***SURPRISE!***



Value \$39.00

Cost \$19.49

Savings \$19.51



Baked goods \$24.00
No ratings yet **\$7.99**
Pick up: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Tomorrow

101 Schneider Rd, Ottawa, ON K2K 1Y3, Canada >
[More information about the store](#)

What you could get

Rescue a Surprise Bag containing a selection of baked goods.

Bread & pastries

Ingredients & allergens >

WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE SAYING

☆ **Save a bag and tell us about it!**
This Surprise Bag doesn't have enough ratings yet

What you need to know

[Reserve](#)

A new business joined the *Too Good To Go* community, *Daily Dough Delight*. They were offering baked goods, Who does not need a dessert fix?



*And this time
my goodies came in a **Bakery Box!***



Value \$24.00

Cost \$7.99

Savings \$16.01



- 1 Chicken/Olive Bread
- 2 Cupcakes - one vanilla and one pistachio
- 4 Large Chocolate Chip Walnut Cookies
- 110 grams each (3.8 oz)



4 left

★ 4.3

metro

Do you remember the assorted fruit and salad offer that got cancelled previously? Well, I wanted to try it, and it appears it is a fairly frequent offer.

Once again, I am given my surprise in a brown paper bag.



Let's go home and see what I received..

I am a little disappointed as I was hoping for fruit, but instead received a very large pumpernickel and dip, as well as a large garden salad.



Value \$24.98

Cost \$10.49

Savings \$14.49

Tim Hortons **Bakery Surprise**



Value \$15.00

Cost \$4.99

Savings \$10.01

2nd Meat Surprise, *Even Better Value!*



**Korean Beef Ribs, Eye of Round Steaks,
Marinated Chicken Thighs,
Teriyaki Chicken Strips**

Value \$48.53

Cost \$15.49

Savings \$33.04

metro

Cake Surprise Bag



Value \$30.98

Cost \$14.99

Savings \$15.99



Too Good To Go



Too Good To Go

✅ **Great for the Adventurous!** – Perfect if you're flexible and love a good surprise.

👉 **Not Picky? No Problem!** – A fantastic option if you're open to anything.

⚠️ **Food Allergies? Proceed with Caution!**
– Ingredients aren't guaranteed, so it may not be the best fit.



Too Good To Go

 **Feeding Hungry Kids?** – A budget-friendly way to keep their bellies full.

 **Taste the Unexpected!** – A fun way to explore new foods while reducing waste.





TOO GOOD TO GO offers the excitement of discovering ***Delicious Foods*** at a ***Fraction of the Price!***





Discovering the True North with: **Maple Scan**



Eldon Gaw

The Shopping Dilemma

Do you wonder where your products *really* come from?



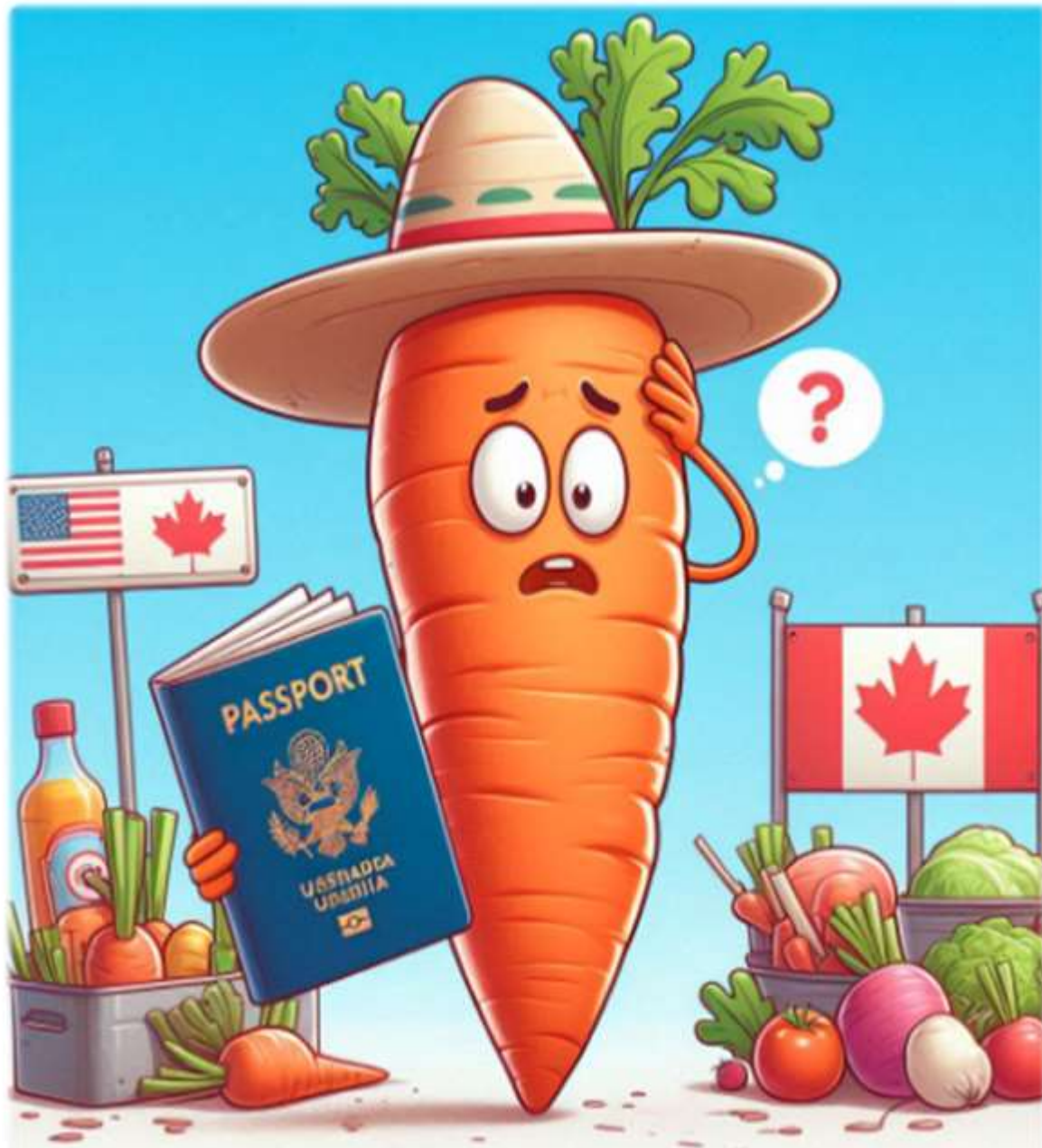
Label Confusion

"Product of Canada"
vs "Made in Canada"

Misleading maple
leaf symbols

Foreign ownership of
Canadian brands





My Carrot Conundrum

Store Sign
Product of USA

Bag Label
Grown in Canada
Product of Canada

Shipped to **USA** for Packaging
then Returned to **Canada!** 🥕



Introducing!

The AI-Powered App
that reveals a product's
true **Canadian Identity!**



How It Works



**Simply take a photo of
any product then
Instantly learn its
Canadian Connection!**

Beyond the Barcodes

No Barcode? No problem!

Works with packaging already opened!

Recognizes products from “Photos Alone!”





The Del Monte Dilemma



Same Brand

Different Countries



Maple Scan

Reveals the Truth!



*Not All **Canadian Labels** are the Same!*



Product of Canada

98% of Production Costs must be Canadian



Made in Canada
Substantially
transformed here..
some ingredients may
be foreign

Wait... There's More

Prepared in Canada

Processed or assembled here,
but ingredients may be imported.

Packaged in Canada

Imported in bulk just
packed locally

Grown in Canada

Fresh, domestic
produce



How about **Heinz** **Ketchup?**



Heinz Ketchup

Made in Canada? Yes!

(Mont Royal, Quebec)

• Uses Canadian Ingredients? Yes!

(Ontario-grown tomatoes)

• Owned in Canada? Nope!

(U.S. headquarters)



Maple Scan

True North, Strong, and *Ketchupy!*



Instead of Heinz, why not go **Full Canadian**

French's Tomato Ketchup
President's Choice Ketchup
Compliments Ketchup
Kettleman's Ketchup
Fulton's Maple Ketchup



Beyond Groceries



Maple Scan

Works for:

• Clothing,
Furniture,
Electronics,
Outdoor gear,
Household items,
Tools, and much
more...



Building Trust



As you use **Maple Scan**...
you'll quickly build a “Trusted Product Inventory”



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Accuracy

Maple Scan leverages AI technology for high accuracy. It is constantly improving to deliver reliable results.

Benefits for Shoppers

- Support Canadian businesses
- Make informed choices
- Strengthen our economy



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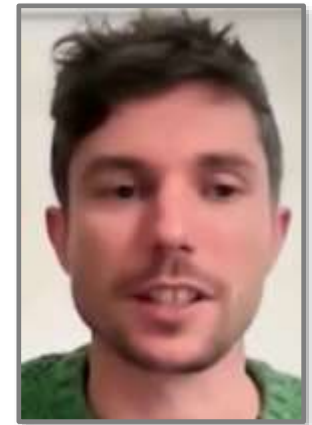
maplescan.ca



Don't rely solely on software – use it as a helpful guide, always check the label to make the best choices.

Maple Scan Interview

The app's creator explains its origins.



<https://tinyurl.com/MapleScanInterview>



Shop Canadian App

A barcode scanner alternative.

<https://tinyurl.com/ShopCanadianApp>

Check the Label

An Alberta-based scanner App

<https://www.checkthelabel.ca>



Made in vs. Product of Canada

Competition Bureau article..

<https://tinyurl.com/CompetitionBureauArticle>



Government
of Canada



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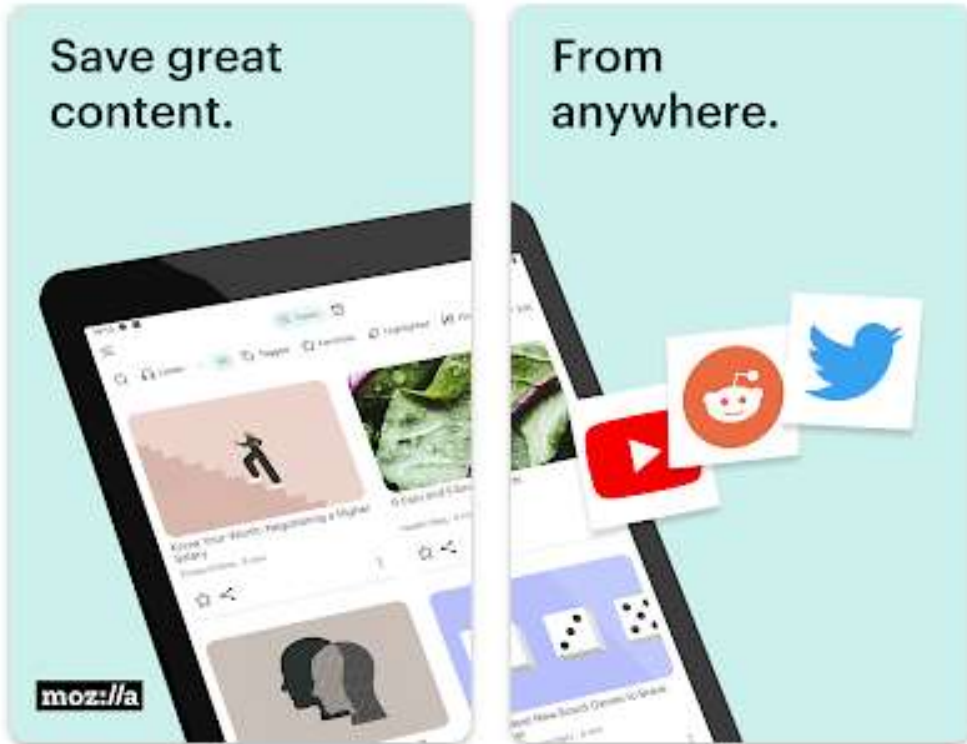
Thank You

Eldon Gaw



Save great content.

From anywhere.




Pocket



José Costa

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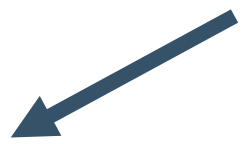
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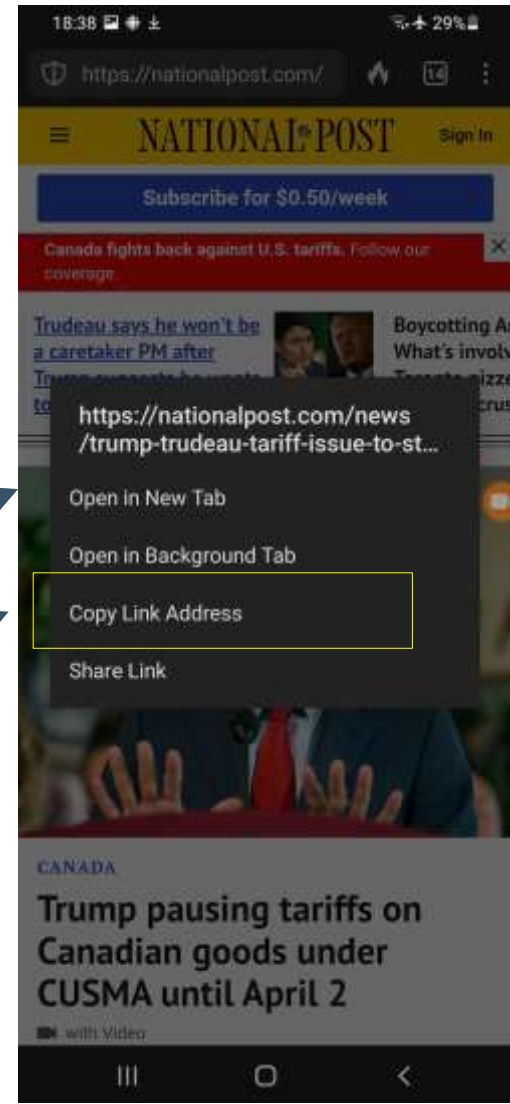
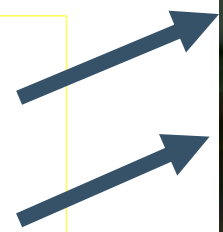
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Example: I want to save this article from the National Post



1) Select it and a menu shows up
2) Click on "Copy Link Address"

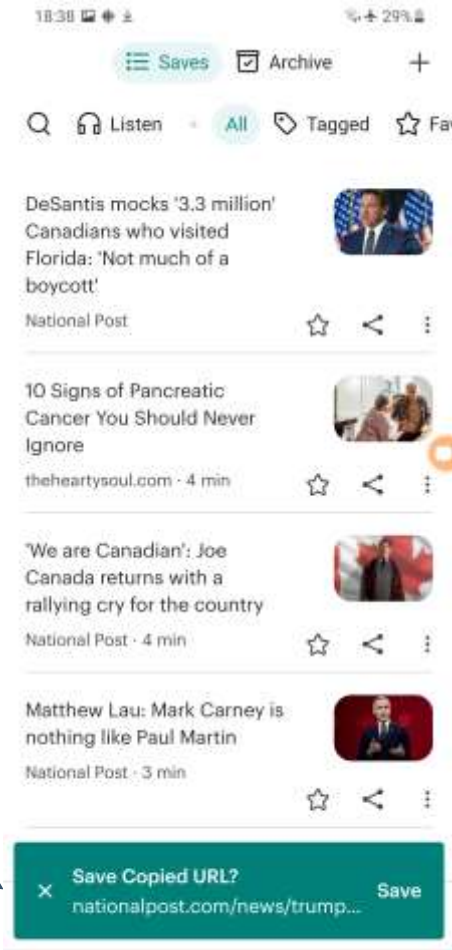




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3) Open Pocket App and it automatically prompts to save the copied URL

4) Click on "Save" and the article is saved on the Pocket App



5) After the article is saved it can be read offline





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- Pocket Tutorials (courtesy of perplexity.ai):

1. <https://proofsinthewriting.com/2018/09/01/pocket-the-read-it-later-app-for-writers/>
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**Pay as you go
Cell Phone**

By Jocelyn Doire

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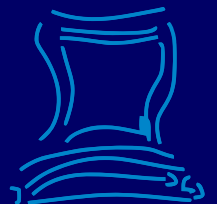
Alternative to cell phone plan

Not everyone wants or needs a cell phone, but that's becoming a real problem with many places that now requires one to register and for verification.

A cell phone is really good to have in case of emergency on the road for example.

One alternative is to use a pay as you go cell phone plan.

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Pay as you go cell phone

One company that offers pay as you go cell phone services is 7-Eleven SpeakOut

<https://www.speakout7eleven.ca/talk-text-cell-phone-rates>

With “Talk & Text” plan you don’t pay if you don’t use it, and what’s left at the end of year can be credited to the next year, if renewed.

Watch out not to select one of their “Basic plans”, that has monthly fees.

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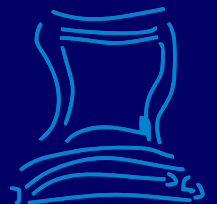
Pay as you go cell phone

- Canada rate: \$0.35 per minute
- U.S.A. rate: \$0.35 per minute
- Outgoing messages: \$0.20/sent message
- Incoming messages: Free
- 411 Calls: \$3.50 per call plus call rate

Note: \$1.25 per month is charged for mandated services such as 911.

Checked their site for up-to-date fees.

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WiFi

The “Talk & Text” plan does not include access to the internet anywhere, but you can use any WiFi connection, including in public places, to go on the internet.

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SIM card and Cell Phone

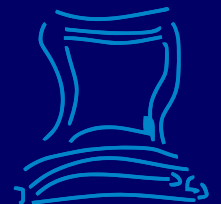
They also offers \$10 SIM card \$115 Phone.

You can use old cell phone that are no longer used.

<https://www.speakout7eleven.ca/phones>



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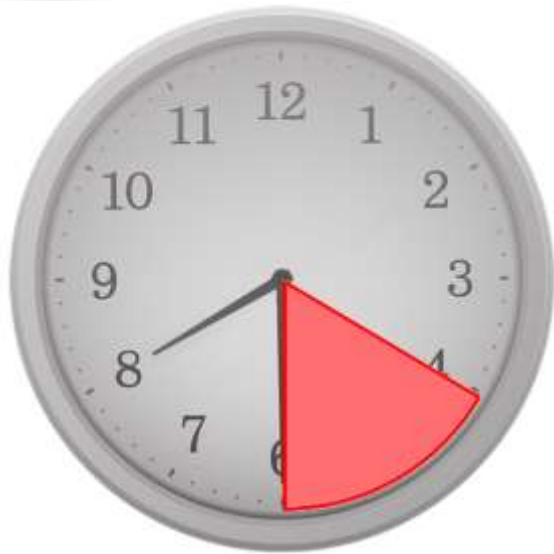
Q & A

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Comments
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Lynda Buske

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Armchair Travel - Alaska

Lynda Buske

Online, Thursday Mar 20, 2025 at 6:00pm

Protecting your PC

Chris Taylor

Cumberland, Saturday Mar 22, 2025 at 2:00pm

<https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/en/program?text=pc+users>

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**One-on-One
Remote Assistance**
(members only) *

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<https://opcug.ca/one-on-one-remote-assistance/>
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1on1request@opcug.ca

* <https://opcug.ca/join-or-renew/>

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- Do not send us a membership payment
- Your membership will be extended automatically
- **And, if you are not a member...**



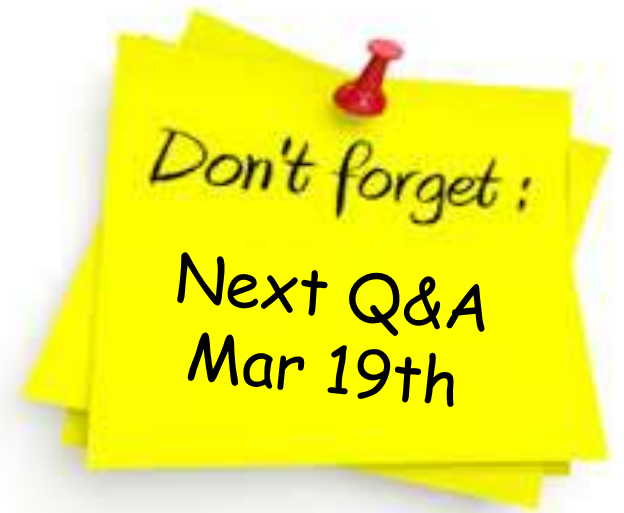
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