BBC LEARNING ENGLISH Media English 媒体英语 Overall prices of budget food in UK supermarkets soar 英国超市廉价食品价格总体上涨



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最新数据显示,英国超市售卖的意大利面、茶、薯条和食用油的价格飙升。其中,植物油的价格在一年内上涨了 65%。英国国家统计局(The Office for National Statistics)表示,总体看来,截至 9 月份,超市售卖的廉价食品价格在这一年度上涨了 17%。

Earlier this year, the ONS started to look at the most basic, cheapest food on the supermarket shelves.

今年早些时候,英国国家统计局开始关注超市货架上最基本、最便宜的食品。

The latest data shows vegetable oil and pasta **have risen** by almost **two thirds** in the last year.

最新数据显示,去年植物油和意大利面的价格上涨了近三分之二。

Tea, chips, bread and biscuits also jumped by more than a third. Some items **fell** in price like orange juice and minced beef.

茶叶、薯条、面包和饼干的价格也上涨了三分之一以上。一些商品的价格有所下降, 如橙汁和牛肉碎。 Overall, the ONS says the **rise** in this basket of **budget items** is broadly **in line with** its wider average of food prices. It's also released new details on people affected by the **cost-of-living** crisis.

英国国家统计局表示,总的来说,上述超市中价格低廉的商品的涨价幅度与食品平均价格基本持平。该机构还公布了关于英国受生活成本危机影响人群的新详情。

Over the summer, it found that nearly half of adults were struggling to pay their **energy bills**. People with disabilities, people from ethnic minorities and those in rented accommodation were most affected.

今夏,英国国家统计局的调查发现,近一半英国成年人都在为如何支付能源账单而发愁。残障人士、少数族裔和租房者所受影响最大。

1. 词汇表

have risen	上涨了
two thirds	三分之二
fell	下降, 下跌
rise	(名词)上涨,增加
budget items	廉价商品
in line with	与处于同等水平
cost-of-living	生活费用的,生活成本的
energy bills	能源账单

- 2. 阅读理解:请在读完上文后,回答下列问题。(答案见下页)
- 1. True or false? The price of orange juice has risen by a third.
- 2. How much has vegetable oil risen in the last year in the UK?
- 3. What else has risen in price, according to ONS?
- 4. According to ONS, what were nearly half of adults in the country struggling to do over the summer?

3. 答案

1. True or false? The price of orange juice has risen by a third.

False. Orange juice fell in price.

2. How much has vegetable oil risen in the last year in the UK?

The latest data shows vegetable oil, along with pasta, has risen by almost two thirds in the last year.

3. What else has risen in price, according to ONS?

The price of tea, chips, bread and biscuits also jumped by more than a third.

4. According to ONS, what were nearly half of adults in the country struggling to do over the summer?

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