Preparation:

- Activate/build background knowledge about the task: ¿Qué es un kiosco? ¿Dónde compras una revista, un periódico, un cómic? ¿Dónde compras caramelos y dulces?
- Discuss cultural issues relevant to task: In Spanish-speaking countries, as in the U.S., people can subscribe to a paper or magazine and have it delivered to their home. However, this is not as common as going to the newsstands and buying those items there. There are kioscos on every street and in every park. Many people go there to buy the daily newspaper just because they like to go for a walk and talk to the vendor.

  Kioscos are favorite places for children because they can buy candy by the unit instead of a whole package, which is important for those who only have a few cents.

  Sometimes kioscos become little convenience stores where groceries may be purchased. They are usually a bit more expensive and without a lot of variety, but the kioscos are open all day.
- Brainstorm language needed to accomplish task (refer to phrases and vocabulary in Visitor’s Guide to Españolandia)
- Model pronunciation of phrases and vocabulary

Practice:

- Review Visitor’s Guide in pairs
- Conduct role plays in pairs. The following situation may be useful for more advanced students:

  Clerk: You are sold out of the magazine Personas. Try to convince the customer to get a different one, such as Deportes.

  Student: You want to read the last article about Juanes, your favorite singer, in the magazine Personas.

- Prepare a skit

Presentation:

- Call on a few pairs of students to present their role plays to the class
- Organize a little kiosco using newspapers, magazines, and objects from the class such as pencils and notebooks. Two or three students can be the sellers and the rest of the class are the buyers.