In the Wegmans grocery store where I work as a cashier, the atmosphere is very diverse. It seems the cashiers always have the hardest time. On an average day I encounter the best and worst of the store. My three typical customers are the devil-may-care people, the coupon clippers, and the picky baggers.

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The devil-may-care people are the easy ones. They are always in a hurry and usually ask to try and fit their order in as little bags as possible. They will chatter awayon their cell phone like chipmunks and will usually pay with a debit card. Many business people are ranked in this category. Once, a man came into my line and was on his phone the entire order. I do not think he even knew I was there, let alone bagging his order. These people are a piece of cake compared to the notorious coupon clippers.

These people are sometimes older and have nothing better to do than cut coupons all day. They will come prepared and will have a neat tower of triple coupons. I came to depend on these neat arrays of coupons and was caught unaware one day. A customer came into my line and used three coupons. After she left I noticed they were expired! After this happened I realized I have to watch these people more closely. Although the coupon clippers are odd, I would prefer them to the next group whom I have saved for last because they are the worst.

The last are the dreaded bag-people. Every item must be bagged perfectly.

Usually they will demand paper in plastic, which is difficult with a two-hundred-dollar

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order. Sometimes they will even come with their own cloth bags! They are very obsessive-compulsive with their produce, meat, eggs, and bread. When I first started, an elderly lady yelled at me because her bananas were beneath another item. I really got an ear-lashing. These customers are very difficult to deal with and should come with a red label attached to them.

These are the customers I deal with on a typical day at work. The devil-may-care people, the coupon people, and the picky baggers are on my usual menu. The holidays are always worse. Arrays of these stereotypes come in mammoth flocks. The stress I encounter at work is almost equal to school. Patience is not a virtue, but a must at work!