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Essential Items For Your Amazon Business

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Setting up your Amazon business will require some essential supplies that you'll need to get the job done. In this brief guide we've compiled a list of the everyday items you'll need to keep your Amazon business running smoothly. Consider these 'office essentials' that you'll need to start trading on Amazon.

Essential Items

To make sure running your Amazon store goes smoothly there are a few essential items you need to have for day to day tasks. Below is a checklist of what you will need.

- **Scales** – If you are selling through FBA you will need to weigh packages you are sending to Amazon, if you merchant fulfil your orders you may need to weigh products to set your shipping correctly.
- **Tape measure** – This is essential for FBA as you will need to enter the dimensions of boxes you are shipping to the warehouse. It is generally useful for answering potential customer queries about products if you are merchant fulfilled.
- **Packaging materials** – If you are selling through FBA you will need packaging materials to send your products to the Amazon warehouse (Note: Amazon ask you not to pack products with polystyrene peanuts or shredded paper as this makes a mess in the warehouse!). If you are merchant fulfilled you will need high quality envelopes, bubble wrap and cardboard boxes depending on the size of your products to ship them to your customers. Plan ahead and buy in larger quantities to save money on these:
 - Cardboard boxes
 - Parcel tape
 - Bubble envelopes
 - Bubble wrap
 - Filling materials
- **Laser Printer** – Particularly if you are selling through FBA Amazon specify that product stickers should be printed with a good quality laser printer to ensure the barcodes remain visible and can be scanned. An example of this would be the Brother HL-L2340DW (which you can see [here](#)).
- **Sticker sheets** – If you are going to label your FBA products you can buy label sheets with stickers of the correct size, these are 27 per sheet and 63.5 x 29.6 mm. You can buy stickers specifically designed for this purpose from Amazon. You will also need larger sticker sheets for your postage labels. If you are fulfilling items yourself and plan to pay for your postage online you will need these for labelling your parcels.