

two pounds thirty, how much

Prices and asking how much

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The café

English

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Prices and asking how much

British currency is the pound, divided into one hundred pence. Say **one pound, two pounds, one penny, thirty pence**. **Pennies** can mean individual penny coins; **pence** is the usual price unit.

A price such as £2.30 can be **two pounds thirty** or the fuller **two pounds and thirty pence**. **How much is a coffee?** and **How much does it cost?** ask for a price.

Use **cost** with **I/you/we/they** and **costs** with **he/she/it**: **The coffee costs two pounds**. In a question after **does**, use base **cost**.

Form	Example	Meaning
pounds	It costs two pounds.	State a price in pounds.
pence	It costs thirty pence.	State a price in the normal monetary unit.
How much	How much is a coffee?	Ask for the price of coffee.
cost	How much does it cost?	Ask the price using does.
costs	The coffee costs two pounds.	State the cost of one coffee.
pence	One pound is a hundred pence.	State how many pence make one pound.

It costs two pounds.

State a price in pounds.

It costs thirty pence.

State a price in the normal monetary unit.

How much is a coffee?

Ask for the price of coffee.

How much does it cost?

Ask the price using does.

The coffee costs two pounds.

State the cost of one coffee.

One pound is a hundred pence.

State how many pence make one pound.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 It costs two pounds.

Meaning: State a price in pounds.

2 It costs thirty pence.

Meaning: State a price in the normal monetary unit.

3 How much is a coffee?

Meaning: Ask for the price of coffee.

4 How much does it cost?

Meaning: Ask the price using does.

5 The coffee costs two pounds.

Meaning: State the cost of one coffee.

6 One pound is a hundred pence.

Meaning: State how many pence make one pound.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 It costs two _____.

- ☐ (A) pound
- ☐ (B) poundes
- ☐ (C) pounds

Meaning: State a price in pounds.

2 It costs thirty _____.

- ☐ (A) penny
- ☐ (B) pences
- ☐ (C) pence

Meaning: State a price in the normal monetary unit.

3 _____ is a coffee?

- ☐ (A) Who
- ☐ (B) How much
- ☐ (C) How many

Meaning: Ask for the price of coffee.

4 How much does it _____?

- ☐ A costs
- ☐ B costing
- ☐ C cost

Meaning: Ask the price using does.

5 The coffee _____ two pounds.

- ☐ A costing
- ☐ B costs
- ☐ C cost

Meaning: State the cost of one coffee.

6 One pound is a hundred _____.

- ☐ A pence
- ☐ B pound
- ☐ C pences

Meaning: State how many pence make one pound.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

pound pounds

It costs two _____.

Meaning: State a price in pounds.

penny pence

It costs thirty _____.

Meaning: State a price in the normal monetary unit.

How many How much

_____ is a coffee?

Meaning: Ask for the price of coffee.

costs cost

How much does it _____?

Meaning: Ask the price using does.

cost costs

The coffee _____ two pounds.

Meaning: State the cost of one coffee.

pound pence

One pound is a hundred _____.

Meaning: State how many pence make one pound.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 It pounds. two costs

Meaning: State a price in pounds.

- 2 costs pence. It thirty

Meaning: State a price in the normal monetary unit.

- 3 a How coffee? much is

Meaning: Ask for the price of coffee.

- 4 much cost? does it How

Meaning: Ask the price using does.

- 5 costs pounds. coffee two The
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Meaning: State the cost of one coffee.

- 6 pence. pound One a hundred is
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Meaning: State how many pence make one pound.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 State a price in pounds. You say:

- ☐ A It costs two pounds.
- ☐ B It costs two pound.

2 State a price in the normal monetary unit. You say:

- ☐ A It costs thirty pence.
- ☐ B It costs thirty penny.

3 Ask for the price of coffee. You say:

- (A) How many is a coffee?
- (B) How much is a coffee?

4 Ask the price using does. You say:

- (A) How much does it costs?
- (B) How much does it cost?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) How much does it cost? | (A) State how many pence make one pound. |
| (2) It costs thirty pence. | (B) Ask for the price of coffee. |
| (3) The coffee costs two pounds. | (C) State the cost of one coffee. |
| (4) How much is a coffee? | (D) State a price in the normal monetary unit. |

- ⑤ One pound is a hundred pence.
- ⑥ It costs two pounds.
- ⑦ Ask the price using does.
- ⑧ State a price in pounds.