

## SCENE 13 • GRAMMAR

## ¿Cuánto cuesta?

Asking the price and making a clear request

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

The café

Spanish

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## Ask the price

For one thing use **¿Cuánto cuesta?** For several use **¿Cuánto cuestan?** Add the item when needed: **¿Cuánto cuesta un café?** Use **cuánto** here, not a gender form based on the item.

## Euros and cents

**Un euro ochenta** is a common spoken price for €1.80. You can say the full **un euro y ochenta céntimos**. Written Spain prices often use a comma: **1,80 €**.

## A natural order

**Un té sin azúcar, por favor** orders tea without sugar. **Un café solo** orders black coffee. **La carta, por favor** requests the menu; **la cuenta, por favor** requests the bill. These short noun phrases are polite with **por favor**.

¿Cuánto cuestan dos cafés?

How much do two coffees cost?

La cuenta, por favor.

The bill, please.

**GRAMMAR****G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

**1 Un café \_\_\_\_\_ uno ochenta.**

- ☐ A costamos
- ☐ B cuesta
- ☐ C cuestan

Meaning: A coffee costs one eighty.

**2 ¿Cuánto \_\_\_\_\_ los panecillos?**

- ☐ A cuestan
- ☐ B costar
- ☐ C cuesta

Meaning: How much do the rolls cost?

**3 Quiero ver los precios. La \_\_\_\_\_, por favor.**

- ☐ A cuenta
- ☐ B cama
- ☐ C carta

Meaning: I want to see the prices. The menu, please.

**G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE**

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sesenta dos cuatro

Un euro cuarenta más un euro veinte son \_\_\_\_\_ euros  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Meaning: One forty plus one twenty makes two euros sixty.

Cuánto Cuántas

¿\_\_\_\_\_ cuesta el té?

Meaning: How much does the tea cost?

**G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER**

Put the words in order.

- 1 cuenta, La por favor.

Meaning: The bill, please.

- 2 un ¿Cuánto cuesta panecillo?

Meaning: How much does a roll cost?

- 3 azúcar. té sin Un

Meaning: A tea without sugar.

**G4) WHAT HELPS IN THIS SITUATION?**

Choose the right words for the situation.

**1 You have finished breakfast and want to pay. You say:**

- ☐ A Un café más, por favor.
- ☐ B La carta, por favor.
- ☐ C La cuenta, por favor.

**G5) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING**

Match the pairs.

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1 La cuenta, por favor. | <input type="radio"/> A The bill, please.       |
| <input type="radio"/> 2 Un café sin azúcar.   | <input type="radio"/> B The menu, please.       |
| <input type="radio"/> 3 La carta, por favor.  | <input type="radio"/> C A coffee without sugar. |