

SCENE 13 • GRAMMAR

¿Cuánto cuesta?

Asking the price and making a clear request

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

The café

Spanish

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 café solo, por favor orders black coffee. **Sin azúcar** specifies no sugar. **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.

Meaning: A coffee costs one eighty.

1 Un café _____ uno ochenta.

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

Meaning: How much do the rolls cost?

2 ¿Cuánto _____ los panecillos?

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

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

3 Quiero ver los precios. La _____, por favor.

- ☐ A cuenta
- ☐ B cama
- ☐ C carta

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: One eighty plus one twenty makes three euros.

tres cuatro

Un euro ochenta más un euro veinte son _____ euros.

Meaning: How much does the tea cost?

Cuánto Cuántas

¿_____ cuesta el té?

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: The bill, please.

- 1 cuenta, La por favor.
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Meaning: How much does a roll cost?

- 2 un ¿Cuánto cuesta panecillo?
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Meaning: A black coffee without sugar.

- 3 solo sin café azúcar. Un
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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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| ☐ 1 La cuenta, por favor. | ☐ A The bill, please. |
| ☐ 2 Un café sin azúcar. | ☐ B The menu, please. |
| ☐ 3 La carta, por favor. | ☐ C A coffee without sugar. |