

SCENE 27 • GRAMMAR

Un kilo de tomates

Shopping quantities and having to do something

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

Around town

Spanish

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The amount before the food

Use **amount/container + de + food**: **un kilo de tomates, medio kilo de queso, una botella de leche**. Kilo is masculine even with a feminine food: **medio kilo de manzanas**.

A practical obligation

Tener que + infinitive means have to: **Tengo que pagar**. Only **tener** changes: **tienes que, tiene que, tenemos que, tenéis que, tienen que**. The next verb stays in its dictionary form.

No obligation

No tienes que pagar means you do not have to pay. It does not prohibit payment. For a general prohibition use the notice pattern **No se puede....** In a shop, **¿Qué te pongo?** is a common phrase for what can I get you?

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

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Quiero medio _____ de queso.

- ☐ A kilo
- ☐ B kilos
- ☐ C botella

Meaning: I want half a kilo of cheese.

2 Una botella _____ leche.

- ☐ A con
- ☐ B a
- ☐ C de

Meaning: A bottle of milk.

3 Tenemos que _____ pan.

- ☐ A comprar
- ☐ B compramos
- ☐ C compran

Meaning: We have to buy bread.

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

tienen tenéis

Vosotros _____ que pagar.

Meaning: You have to pay.

tienes tiene tengo

Yo _____ que comprar y ella _____ que cocinar.

Meaning: I have to shop and she has to cook.

tenemos tienen tienes

Ellos _____ que trabajar. Tú _____ que estudiar.

Meaning: They have to work. You have to study.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

- 1 que No pagar. tienes

Meaning: You do not have to pay.

- 2 favor. Medio por manzanas, kilo de

Meaning: Half a kilo of apples, please.

- 3 Tenemos leche. comprar que

Meaning: We have to buy milk.

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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| ① medio kilo de queso | ① I have to pay |
| ② no tengo que pagar | ② half a kilo of cheese |
| ③ tengo que pagar | ③ I do not have to pay |

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

kilo botella mesa

Una _____ de leche y medio _____ de queso.

Meaning: A bottle of milk and half a kilo of cheese.