

SCENE 13 • GRAMMAR

20–100 e i prezzi

Prices and asking how much

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The café

Italian

Read & listen online 

20–100 and prices

For shopping and café bills, you need numbers above 20. In this module you see **venti**, **ventidue**, and prices like **due euro e dieci** or **otto euro**.

To ask the price, use **Quanto costa?** for one thing: **Quanto costa un caffè?** If you ask about several things, Italian often says **Quanto costano?** but here the singular pattern is the key chunk to learn first.

Italian prices can be said in different natural ways. You may hear **due euro e trenta** or **due e trenta** in fast speech. For learners, the full form with **e** is clearer.

The money words are **euro** and **centesimi**. After a higher number, use the number normally: **novanta centesimi**, **ventidue euro**.

Form	Example	Meaning
venti	Ho venti euro.	twenty
ventidue	In tutto ventidue euro.	twenty-two
Quanto costa?	Quanto costa un caffè?	How much does it cost?
centesimi	Novanta centesimi.	cents

Quanto costa il tè?

How much does the tea cost?

Il conto è due euro e dieci.

The bill is two euros ten.

Ho solo venti euro.

I only have twenty euros.

L'acqua costa novanta centesimi.

The water costs ninety cents.

In tutto sono otto euro.

Altogether it's eight euros.

La nuova vicina ha trenta anni.

The new female neighbour is thirty years old.

Il nuovo vicino ha trenta anni.

The new male neighbour is thirty years old.

Karim ha ventidue mele?

Does Karim have twenty-two apples?

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Quanto costa il tè?

Meaning: How much does the tea cost?

- 2 Il conto è due euro e dieci.

Meaning: The bill is two euros ten.

- 3 Ho solo venti euro.

Meaning: I only have twenty euros.

- 4 L'acqua costa novanta centesimi.

Meaning: The water costs ninety cents.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Quanto _____ il tè?

- ☐ A costa?
- ☐ B chiavi
- ☐ C costa

Meaning: How much does the tea cost?

2 Il conto è _____.

- ☐ A due uova
- ☐ B venti mele
- ☐ C due euro e dieci

Meaning: The bill is two euros ten.

3 Ho solo _____ euro.

- ☐ A novanta
- ☐ B venti
- ☐ C tredici

Meaning: I only have twenty euros.

4 L'acqua costa _____.

- ☐ A nove chiavi
- ☐ B un po' di
- ☐ C novanta centesimi

Meaning: The water costs ninety cents.

5 In tutto sono _____ euro.

- ☐ A quattrocento
- ☐ B otto
- ☐ C diciotto

Meaning: Altogether it's eight euros.

6 La nuova vicina ha _____ anni.

- ☐ A trenta
- ☐ B tre
- ☐ C tredici

Meaning: The new female neighbour is thirty years old.

7 Il nuovo vicino ha _____ anni.

- ☐ A trenta
- ☐ B tre
- ☐ C quindici

Meaning: The new male neighbour is thirty years old.

8 Karim ha _____ mele?

- ☐ A ventidue
- ☐ B undici
- ☐ C due

Meaning: Does Karim have twenty-two apples?

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

tredici venti

Ho solo _____ euro.

Meaning: I only have twenty euros.

nove chiavi novanta centesimi

L'acqua costa _____.

Meaning: The water costs ninety cents.

diciotto otto

In tutto sono _____ euro.

Meaning: Altogether it's eight euros.

tre trenta

La nuova vicina ha _____ anni.

Meaning: The new female neighbour is thirty years old.

tre trenta

Il nuovo vicino ha _____ anni.

Meaning: The new male neighbour is thirty years old.

due ventidue

Karim ha _____ mele?

Meaning: Does Karim have twenty-two apples?

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

Quanto

tè?

il

costa

Meaning: How much does the tea cost?

2 due è dieci. conto Il euro e

Meaning: The bill is two euros ten.

3 Ho venti euro. solo

Meaning: I only have twenty euros.

4 centesimi. costa novanta L'acqua

Meaning: The water costs ninety cents.

5 sono euro. tutto otto In

Meaning: Altogether it's eight euros.

6

anni.

nuova

La

ha

trenta

vicina

Meaning: The new female neighbour is thirty years old.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 How much does the tea cost? You say:

- ☐ A Quanto costa il tè?
- ☐ B Quanto costa? il tè?

2 The bill is two euros ten. You say:

- ☐ A Il conto è due euro e dieci.
- ☐ B Il conto è due uova.

3 I only have twenty euros. You say:

- ☐ A Ho solo tredici euro.
- ☐ B Ho solo venti euro.

4 The water costs ninety cents. You say:

- (A) L'acqua costa nove chiavi.
- (B) L'acqua costa novanta centesimi.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| (1) Il nuovo vicino ha trenta anni. | (A) Does Karim have twenty-two apples? |
| (2) Ho solo venti euro. | (B) The water costs ninety cents. |
| (3) In tutto sono otto euro. | (C) The bill is two euros ten. |
| (4) La nuova vicina ha trenta anni. | (D) Altogether it's eight euros. |
| (5) Il conto è due euro e dieci. | (E) The new male neighbour is thirty years old. |
| (6) L'acqua costa novanta centesimi. | (F) I only have twenty euros. |

- ⑦ Karim ha ventidue
mele?
- ⑧ Quanto costa il tè?
- ⑨ The new female neighbour is
thirty years old.
- ⑩ How much does the tea cost?