numbers

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Talk Spanish: Programme 4

See people buying various items in the market in Valencia. Listen to the quantities and the prices, and get familiar with Spanish numbers.

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Spanish Steps
Stage 1: El hotel: Learn the numbers 1 to 10.

Stage 3: El cajero automático Use a virtual cash machine to withdraw some euros, and find the patterns which help you remember the numbers 10 to 100. Then, visit El Rastro, the famous flea market in Madrid, where Kevin is haggling over the price of some plates.

0	**cero**				
1	**uno**	11	**once**	21	**veintiuno**
2	**dos**	12	**doce**	22	**veintidós**
3	**tres**	13	**trece**	30	**treinta**
4	**cuatro**	14	**catorce**	31	**treinta y uno**
5	**cinco**	15	**quince**	40	**cuarenta**
6	**seis**	16	**dieciséis**	50	**cincuenta**
7	**siete**	17	**diecisiete**	60	**sesenta**
8	**ocho**	18	**dieciocho**	70	**setenta**
9	**nueve**	19	**diecinueve**	80	**ochenta**
10	**diez**	20	**veinte**	90	**noventa**
				100	**cien**

Learning hints

Numbers are something which can be practised when you're out and about on your own because they're all around. Just get into the habit of saying in Spanish all the numbers you see: bus numbers, car number plates, prices, telephone numbers …

If you feel you need focused practice and have time at home, cut a piece of card into ten small tiles, write the digits 0-9 on them and drop them into an envelope. Take out a tile and say the number. When you're happy that you know the low numbers, take two tiles out at a time and say both possible two-digit numbers.

Quiz

1. Write this telephone number in figures: **seis**, **veinte**, **cuarenta y dos**, **ochenta y uno**.

2. What's 59 in Spanish?

3. You're told an item costs **treinta y cinco euros con veintitrés**. Is that 35,32, €30,05€, 30,23€, 35,23€ or 35,20€?

4. To say 'That's 200 euros' in Spanish, do you need **doscientos** or **doscientas** in the gap?
   Son _____ euros.

5. What's the total cost in Spanish of two tickets, one costing €5,20 and the other €7,40?

6. How would you write 18,50€ in words on a Spanish cheque?

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