



Spanish In Mexico Notes: 10-1 Discussing Costs

As we visited the Casa de las Artesanías in Morelia, we learned how to ask about prices in Spanish.

To ask how much something costs, use the question “¿Cuánto cuesta?” For example:

¿Cuánto cuesta la sandía? – How much is the watermelon?

To ask about the price of more than one thing, use the question “¿Cuánto cuestan?” For example:

¿Cuánto cuestan las camisas? – How much are the shirts?

Additional Information:

In the Spanish speaking world, there are many ways to ask how much something costs. The questions *¿Cuánto cuesta?* and *¿Cuánto cuestan?* come from the verb *costar*, which means ‘to cost.’ These questions are very common, but people often interchange them with other similar questions. Some examples are:

¿Cuánto vale/n? – How much is/are? (from the verb *valer* – to be worth)

¿Cuánto es? – How much is it? (from the verb *ser* – to be)

¿Cuánto sale/n? – How much does it/do they go for? (from the verb *salir* – to leave)

Vocabulary:

once - eleven

doce – twelve

trece – thirteen

catorce – fourteen

quince – fifteen

dieciséis – sixteen

diecisiete – seventeen

dieciocho – eighteen

diecinueve – nineteen

veinte – twenty

Extended Vocabulary:

el edificio – building

el trabajo – work

duro/a – hard

bonito/a – nice
la madera – wood
el sauce – willow
enseñar – to teach
pesar – to weigh
el barro – clay
la cesta – basket
el plato – plate
la taza – cup
la guitarra – guitar
el esqueleto – skeleton
el jarro – jug
nuevo/a – new
la silla – chair
exportar – to export