

## Al Rastro

This is the first of three Stage 3 activities on the theme of shopping. Based on buying everyday items in a market, it focuses on asking and understanding prices using the simple question **¿Cuánto cuesta?** while at the same time practising numbers and boosting vocabulary by introducing a few everyday items.

### Getting ready

Display page 2 to present and practise the words for the items, including the definite article. Some quick-fire questioning will get everyone thinking and help the new words to sink in. Once familiar with the Items, you can practise asking the price, for example, **¿Cuánto cuesta el reloj?**

For the activity, print the pictures onto thin card and cut them into individual items, cutting off the written words. You'll need enough for everyone to have at least four items each.

### Getting them talking

Shuffle the pictures and share them out. Get everyone to decide on a price in euros for each of their items, to write these prices down and then keep them out of sight. Set limits for the prices, keeping them between 1 and 500 and round numbers of euros.

Divide the group in two: sellers and buyers. Sellers display their items on the table in front of them. Buyers circulate, looking at what's on offer and asking the price of each item, e.g. **¿Cuánto cuesta el bolso?**

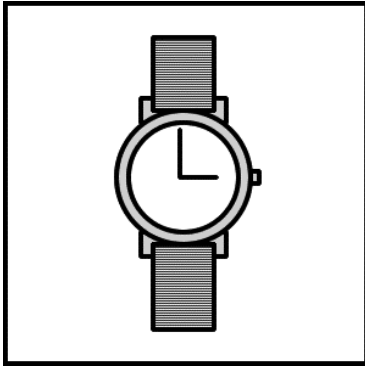
Ask them to make a list in Spanish of the items they inquire about, together with their prices. And encourage a bit of banter: **¿Cuánto cuesta el collar? Es muy caro, ¿no? No, ¡no es caro!**

Groups then change roles: buyers become sellers and vice versa.

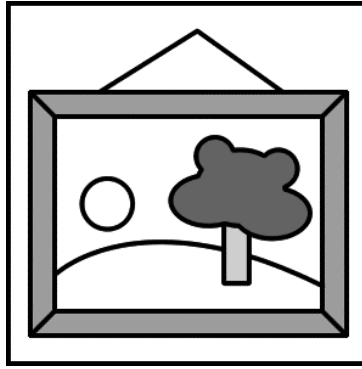
Once all the prices have been exchanged, it's interesting to have some feedback. You can lead by asking, e.g. **¿Cuánto cuesta el plato?** It should result in some lively comparison of prices, which can vary widely

### Variation

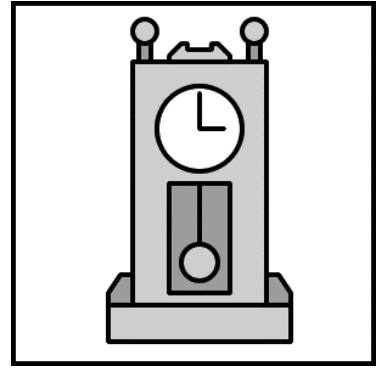
This activity is easily adaptable for use with other vocabulary areas, for example clothes or food, with the price range pitched accordingly. Or, when you're teaching very high numbers, you could find pictures of properties and get people to imagine they're making enquiries at the estate agent's.



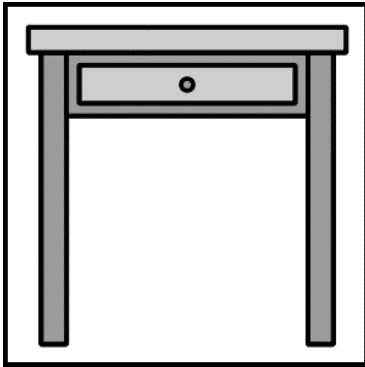
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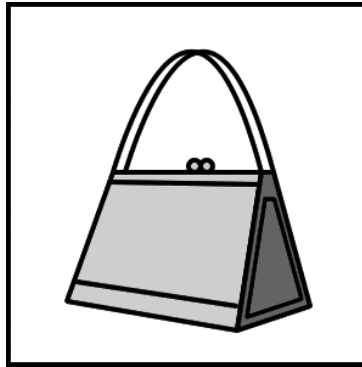
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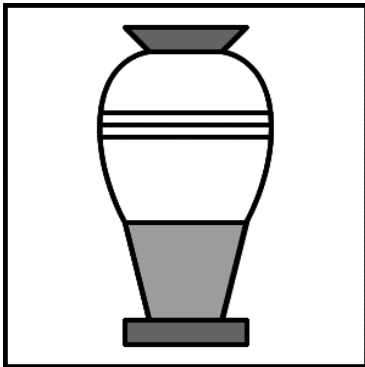
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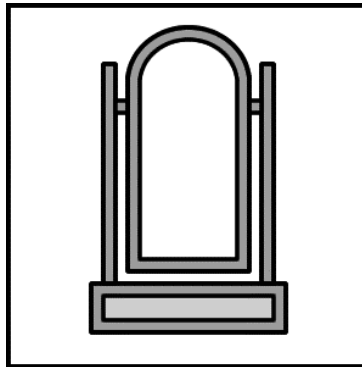
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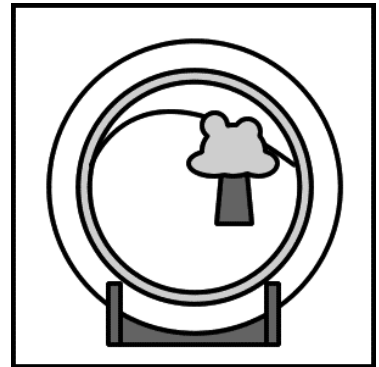
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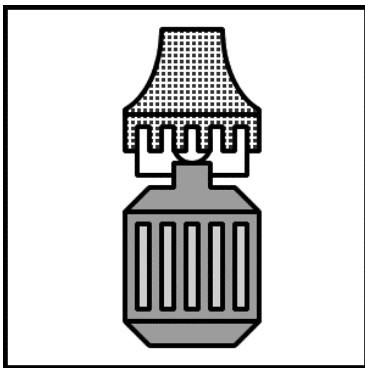
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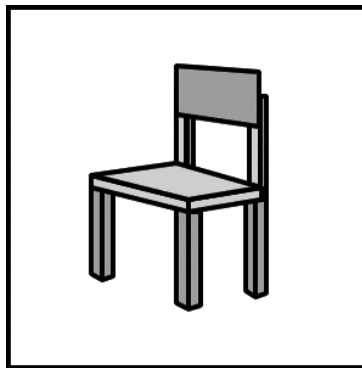
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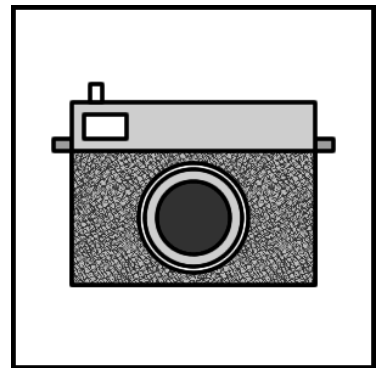
el plato



la lámpara



la silla



la cámara