

Asking for & Buying things

Can I have _____, please? ¿Me da _____ por favor?

I'd like _____ Quisiera _____.

How much is it? ¿Cuánto es?

How much is this / that? ¿Cuánto cuesta esto / eso?

Do you have any / a _____? ¿Tiene algún / un _____?

Anything else? / How many? ¿Algo más? / ¿Cuántos?

A note on haggling:

Many prices are fixed, especially in proper shops and restaurants, and most people are honest. Generally you should only haggle for large and multiple items in open markets.

Is this enough? ¿Es bastante?

(That's) enough (Ya) es bastante.

A bit more Un poquito más.

OK / that's all Muy bien / eso es todo.

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A Selection of National Drinks

Sangría (Spain) basically wine and fruit, with various additions

Hierba mate (Argentina) a caffeinated herbal tea

Piña Colada (Caribbean) rum, pineapple and coconut

Mojito (Cuba) fresh mint, sugar, lime juice, rum and soda water

Chicha (Central- & South America) light, corn-based, with thick sugarcane reduction and often with various fruits such as pineapple, strawberry or melon

Pisco sour (Peru, Chile) grape liquer, egg-whites, sugar, lemon/lime

Aguardiente (Colombia) anise-flavored "burning water"

Singane (Bolivia) grapefruit, sugarcane alcohol, 7-Up

Horchata (Mexico) rice, almonds, cinnamon, lime rind, sugar, water

A typical conversation (note: the English is the actual meaning in these conversations; it is not a literal translation)

Shopkeeper: Hola. ¿Qué desea / En qué puedo servirle? Hello. Can I help you?

You: Hola. ¿Tiene cerveza? Hello. Do you have beer?

S: Sí. ¿Cuántas desea? Yes, we do. How many would you like?

Y: Cuatro, por favor. Four, please.

S: Aquí tiene. ¿Algo más? Here you are. Anything else?

Y: Sí. Quisiera una barra de pan. Yes, I'd like a loaf of bread.

¿Ah, y me podría dar doscientos gramos de queso? Oh, and can I have 200 grams cheese?

S: ¿Es bastante? Is this enough?

Y: Un poquito más. Muy bien. ¿Cuánto es? A bit more . . . okay. How much is it?

S: Treinta y cinco pesos. 35 pesos. (just an example!)

Y: Aquí tiene (said when giving the money). Gracias. Adiós. Here you go. Thank you. Goodbye.

S: Gracias a usted. Adiós. Thank you too. Goodbye.