



Saying Prices

Prices

There are many different ways that people can pay for a product/service.

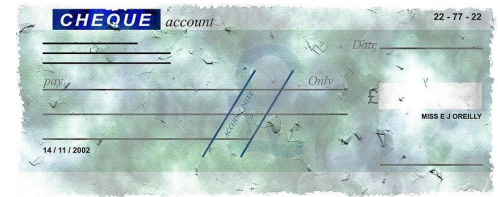
cash



card



cheque



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You need to know the currencies in English in order to say a price correctly.



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The United Kingdom

£

Pound

(less than £1 - pence)

Prices

The United States of America



\$

Dollar

(less than \$1 - cent)

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Europe

€

Euro

(less than €1 - cent)

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Let's take the following price and explain the four different ways to say this.



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£3.20

Number
before
decimal

Currency
AND

Full number
after
decimal

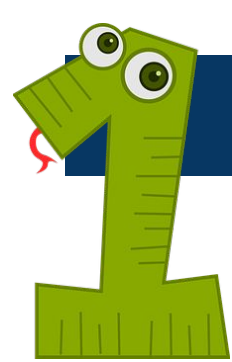
Currency for
number less
than one

Three

pounds and

twenty

pence



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£3.20

So the first way to say this price would be

Three pounds and twenty pence



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£3.20

Number
before
decimal

Currency
AND

Full number
after
decimal

Three

pounds and

twenty



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£3.20

So the second way to say this price would be

Three pounds and twenty



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£3.20

Number
before
decimal

Currency

Full number
after
decimal

Three

pounds

twenty



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£3.20

So the third way to say this price would be

Three pounds twenty



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£3.20

Number
before
decimal

Full number
after
decimal

Three

twenty



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So the fourth way to say this price would be

Three twenty

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All of these forms of saying a price have exactly the same meaning and native speakers use a complete variety, so you need to understand them all.

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However, there is **one exception!**

When there is a zero immediately after the decimal point, it sounds very strange to use the fourth method. Instead, we use the first three options only.

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The following price is an exception



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£10.04

1

Ten pounds and four pence ✓

2

Ten pounds and four ✓

3

Ten pounds four ✓

4

Ten four ✗

This sounds strange because the first number after the decimal is a zero!