The market

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Grade 3 Second Language: The Market (5 lessons, about 3 weeks)

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Back to the grade 3 year plan - Term 1. Builds on grade 2 term 3: A Short Scene, grade 1 term 1: Food Words and "I Like / I Don't Like", and kindergarten term 2: Numbers to Ten, Colours and Animals.

In grade 1 children learned ten food words; in kindergarten they counted to ten; in grade 2 they asked **[Where is ___?]** and acted a short scene. This unit adds four new food words, the numbers **[eleven]** to **[twenty]**, the tens **[ten]**, **[twenty]**, **[thirty]** ... **[one hundred]**, the word **[coins]**, the question **[How much is the ___?]**, the answer **[___ coins]**, and the polite request **[I would like the ___, please]** with **[Here you are]**. Children meet a short picture story, "Bear at the Market", then buy and sell picture-card food in a class pretend shop.

Which language?

This unit works with any language the school teaches. Before lesson 1, fill in the **word card** below. In the lessons, words in square brackets, like **[How much is the pear?]**, mean "say this in the language you are teaching".

English meaning	Your language	Gesture or picture to go with it
tomato, pear, fish, milk (new)		food picture cards
(review from grade 1) apple, banana, orange, grapes, carrot, bread, rice, egg, cheese, soup		food picture cards
eleven to twenty		the ten card plus a dot card (see Materials)
ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, one hundred		that many paper coins (one coin = ten), or the tens number card
coins		hold up a paper coin
How much is the ___?		point to the food, then rub thumb and fingers together (or hold up a coin) with eyebrows up
___ coins		the number card, then a coin
I would like the ___, please		hand on chest, then point to the food card
Here you are		both hands hold the card out
		as in earlier units

English meaning	Your language	Gesture or picture to go with it
(review) hello, goodbye, please, thank you, yes, no, Oh no!, The end, one to ten		

About the coins: every paper coin in this unit is worth **ten**. A price of **[thirty coins]** means "thirty", paid with three paper coins. This keeps all prices in tens, so children only need the tens words to shop. The word **[coins]** is the language's ordinary word for coins; do not use the name of a real currency.

Number warning: languages build numbers in very different ways. Some say "ten-one, ten-two" for eleven and twelve; some have special words for the teens; some say the ones before the tens; some count in twenties for some numbers (for example, a word like "four twenties" for eighty); and the word for "one hundred" may or may not include "one". Say every number the way the language really says it, and teach only that way. If the language's way is very different from the school language, spend an extra lesson on the numbers before lesson 3.

Grammar warning: the noun may change after a number (for example, the plural form, or a special form after some numbers), so **[thirty coins]** may not follow the pattern of **[two coins]**. "The", "a" and "some" work differently in different languages, or do not exist; say **[I would like the pear, please]** in the way a shopkeeper would really hear it. Polite requests also differ: in some languages the most natural form is "Please give me **" or just "**, please". Use the form a fluent speaker would use at a market stall. Children only need to **understand** the phrases and **show** their answers; saying them is invited, never required.

Gesture warning: if rubbing thumb and fingers together means something rude or unkind where you live, hold up a paper coin instead. If thumbs up or thumbs down is rude, use the tick and cross cards (or the school's usual signs) everywhere this unit says "yes or no".

The prices at Hen's stall

Lessons 3 and 4, the story and the check use the same **price board** for Hen's stall (made up by the author; free to change, but change it everywhere). Lesson 5 adds a second stall, Goat's, with different prices (see lesson 5):

Food	Price
apple	10 coins
carrot	20 coins
pear	30 coins
banana	40 coins
egg	50 coins
tomato	60 coins
bread	70 coins
milk	80 coins
cheese	90 coins
fish	100 coins

Each tens number appears once, so the board is also a tens chart. Orange, grapes, rice and soup are review words in lesson 1 only; they are not sold at the stall.

The story: "Bear at the Market"

Six picture cards (an original story by the author, CC0, free to change; draw them simply, any style is fine). Bear has **five coins** (fifty), drawn as five round coins in Bear's paw or on a small tray Bear carries.

1. Bear walks up to Hen's stall with five coins. **[Hello, Hen!]** Hen waves: **[Hello, Bear!]**
2. Bear points to the cheese. **[How much is the cheese?]** Hen: **[Ninety coins.]** Bear counts five coins and looks surprised: **[Oh no!]**
3. Bear points to the bread. **[How much is the bread?]** Hen: **[Seventy coins.]** Bear shakes their head: **[Oh no!]**
4. Bear points to the pear. **[How much is the pear?]** Hen: **[Thirty coins.]** Bear smiles: **[I would like the pear, please.]**
5. Hen gives Bear the pear: **[Here you are.]** Bear gives Hen three coins: **[Thank you!]** Hen: **[Thank you! Goodbye!]**
6. Bear sits under a tree, eating the pear, with two coins left and a big smile. **[The end.]**

Draw Bear's surprise and smile with clear face shapes (mouth and eyebrows), not by colour. Draw the coins large, with "10" on each, so children can count them on the card.

Big idea

At a market we can **name foods**, **ask how much something costs**, **understand prices in tens up to a hundred**, and **ask politely for what we would like**, using a few practised phrases with picture cards and pretend coins.

Outcomes

By the end of the unit, most children can:

1. Point to the right picture card when the teacher names one of the fourteen food words (ten review words and four new ones).
2. Show a number from **[eleven]** to **[twenty]** when it is said (with the ten card and a dot card, a number card, or by saying it).
3. Show a tens number from **[ten]** to **[one hundred]** when it is said, by counting out paper coins or pointing to the number card.
4. Answer **[How much is the ___?]** from the price board by pointing to the number card, showing the coins or saying **[___ coins]**.
5. Understand **[I would like the ___, please]** by handing over the right food card, and take part in the pretend shop in any role (stallholder, customer or coin counter); some children also ask **[How much is the ___?]** themselves.

Prior knowledge

- Food Words and "I Like / I Don't Like" (grade 1 term 1): **[apple]**, **[banana]**, **[orange]**, **[grapes]**, **[carrot]**, **[bread]**, **[rice]**, **[egg]**, **[cheese]**, **[soup]**; **[please]**, **[thank you]**.
- Numbers to Ten, Colours and Animals (kindergarten term 2): **[one]** to **[ten]**; the dot cards.
- A Short Scene (grade 2 term 3): asking questions in a pair game; acting a short story with props; Bear, Duck, Hen and Mouse.

- Grade 3 mathematics term 1, Equal Groups and Arrays, counts equal groups; counting coins in tens is the same idea, but it is **not** needed here: children count coins one at a time if they like.
- Children who missed earlier units can still take part; every word has a card, a coin or a gesture.

Lessons

Keep the 1-minute greeting chant at the start of each day.

Lesson	Title	Time	Core idea
1	Food at the market	30 min	Fourteen food words (four new) with picture cards and a "what's missing?" game
2	Eleven to twenty	30 min	The numbers eleven to twenty with the ten card and dot cards
3	Tens and prices	30 min	Counting coins in tens to one hundred; **[How much is the ___?]** with the price board
4	Bear at the Market	30 min	The picture story; **[I would like the ___, please]**; a pretend shop in groups
5	Our price list (pair game)	30 min	An information-gap pair game with price lists, and the one-to-one check

Timings: every lesson is 30 minutes (3 + 7 + 12 + 3 + 5; in lesson 5 the one-to-one check is spread over the week).

Materials

- The filled-in word card (above), kept where the teacher can see it.
- **Fourteen large food picture cards:** apple, banana, orange, grapes, carrot, bread, rice, egg, cheese, soup (from grade 1) and tomato, pear, fish, milk (new). Big enough to see from the back of the room.
- **The large price board** (above): the ten stall foods, each with its price written as a numeral and drawn as that many coins.
- **Large number cards:** 11 to 20, and the tens 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 (numerals only).
- **The ten card:** a large card with ten dots in two rows of five. Use it with the kindergarten **dot cards** 1 to 10 (for 13: the ten card and the 3 dot card side by side).
- **Paper coins:** round coins cut from thick card, about 5 cm across, each marked "10". Ten large coins for the teacher, plus **ten coins per pair** (lessons 3 and 5) or **per group** (lesson 4). They are pretend coins, not real or toy money of any country.
- **The six large story picture cards** (above).
- **A pretend shop per group of three or four** (lesson 4): the ten stall food cards (small), a small copy of the price board, ten paper coins, a tray or lidless box for the stall, and six **shopping cards** (each shows one stall food; see lesson 4).
- **Price-list sheets per pair** (lesson 5): sheet A and sheet B for Goat's stall (see lesson 5), a folder or book to stand up as a screen, and a pencil per child; plus a large copy of Goat's full price list for the closing check.
- **Small number cards per pair** (lessons 2 and 3): 11 to 20 and the ten tens, small enough to lay out on a desk.
- **A cloth or large sheet of paper** to cover cards in the "what's missing?" game (lesson 1).

- **Tick and cross cards:** one of each per child, as in earlier units.
- **Check things** (lesson 5): eight small food cards (apple, carrot, pear, banana, bread, fish, tomato, milk), small number cards 11 to 20 and the ten tens, ten paper coins, the ten card and dot cards, the small price board, and the record sheet (class list with five columns).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot, as in every unit.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: **tactile coins** (thick card with a raised dot or a punched hole in the centre, so each can be felt and counted), **tactile food cards** (a simple raised outline of each food) or large toy food that is too big to swallow, a **tactile ten card** (ten raised dots), and large-print copies of the lesson 5 sheets.
- Optional: a fluent speaker's recording of the word card and the numbers.

⚠ Safety and access

Safety

- **No real food is used**, because of allergies. Food is always picture cards (or large toy food for blind children). Nobody tastes anything.
- **No real money is used.** Coins are card, large enough that they cannot be swallowed.
- Children walk, not run, between stalls; stalls are on desks, not on the floor.

Privacy and money

- **Never ask** what children or their families buy, eat, can afford, or how much money they have, and never compare real prices. All shopping is done by Bear or in the pretend shop with the same ten coins for everyone.
- In the story, Bear cannot buy the cheese or the bread. Present it lightly: Bear chooses something else and is happy. If a child talks about money worries at home, listen kindly, go back to the game, and follow the school's usual steps for passing on a concern.
- Everyone in the pretend shop has the same coins, and everyone can buy something: every shopping card costs 100 coins or less.

Taking part

- **Speaking and acting are optional.** Pointing, handing over cards, counting out coins, holding up number cards and signs all count. In the pretend shop, being the stallholder, the customer or the coin counter is a full role. Never make a child speak or act alone in front of others.
- **Movement:** every gesture has a seated version. Children can stay at one stall and be visited, rather than walking between stalls.
- **Children new to the school language:** keep gestures identical every time and accept answers in any language.
- **Noise:** quiet spot and ear defenders allowed; in whole-class games children answer with cards, not shouting.

Seeing, hearing and colour

- **Colour vision:** food cards are drawn with clear shapes (a pear shape, a fish shape), so no food is known only by colour. If a child mixes up only colours, do not record it as a language gap.
- **Blind children:** use the tactile coins, tactile food cards or large toy food, and the tactile ten card. Keep the check things in fixed places and tell the child where each one is before asking. Counting coins by touch is a full answer.

- **Low-vision children:** large, high-contrast cards; seat them near the price board, or give them their own small copy.
- **Deaf or hard-of-hearing children:** keep your face visible; do the gesture or show the card every time you say the word.
- **If the language is a sign language:** number signs may look like the amount, and the sign for "how much" may already include a money sign. That is the language, and it is fine. In the check, if a sign shows its answer, ask the child to **point to** the number card, food card or coins instead, so the sign itself does not give the answer away.

Assessment

Lesson 5 includes a five-part check, done one-to-one (about 3 minutes each child; spread over the week). Ask everything with no gesture and without pointing or looking at the answer. Record each part as **yes**, **with help** or **not yet**:

1. **Food words:** lay out the eight small food cards (apple, carrot, pear, banana, bread, fish, tomato, milk), shuffled. Say **[tomato]**, **[fish]**, **[bread]** and **[pear]**; the child points to each. Yes = four of four.
2. **Eleven to twenty:** lay out the small number cards 11 to 20, shuffled. Say **[twelve]**, **[fifteen]** and **[nineteen]**; the child points to the card, or shows the number with the ten card and a dot card. Yes = three of three.
3. **Tens:** lay out the small tens cards, shuffled. Say **[thirty]**, **[seventy]** and **[one hundred]**; the child points to the card, or counts out that many paper coins (three, seven, ten). Yes = three of three.
4. **How much is?:** put the small price board in front of the child. Ask **[How much is the milk?]** (80) and **[How much is the carrot?]** (20). The child may point to the number on the board or the number card, count out coins, or say it. Yes = both.
5. **I would like:** put the eight food cards back in front of the child, who is the stallholder. Say **[I would like the banana, please]**, then **[I would like the fish, please]**. The child hands over each card. Yes = both.

Doing it in their own way (pointing, signs, coins, the child's usual access) counts as **yes**. "Not yet" is normal for some children; the games can be played again any time. Playing a role in the pretend shop and asking **[How much is the ___?]** (part of outcome 5) are **not** recorded: notice them, but do not score them.

Sources

- NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements, Novice: https://www.actfl.org/uploads/files/general/Resources-Publications/Can-Do-Novice.pdf (read 12 November 2026; the quoted lines were checked against the rendered PDF pages). These are performance indicators and examples, not a curriculum, and the unit is not a full alignment. Lines used for this unit, quoted exactly:
  - Interpersonal, "How can I meet my needs or address situations in conversations?", Novice Low (PDF page 21): function "I can express some basic needs", context "related to very familiar activities with the help of gestures, facial expressions, or visuals", text type "using practiced or memorized words and phrases" (outcome 5).
  - Same page, Novice Mid: function "I can express and ask about needs"; example "I can ask and understand how much something costs." (outcome 4, and asking prices in lessons 3 to 5, a stretch for some children).

    - Interpersonal, Novice Low (PDF page 19): "I can provide information by answering a few simple questions"; example "I can respond to a basic math question using numbers." (outcomes 3 and 4).
    - Presentational, Novice Low (PDF page 23): function "I can name", context "very familiar people, places, and objects with the help of gestures, facial expressions, or visuals"; example "I can say numbers from 1-10." (food words in lesson 1; the numbers in this unit go beyond this example).
    - Interpretive, fictional texts, Novice Low (PDF page 14): "I can identify memorized or familiar words in short, straightforward fictional texts and media that are supported by gestures, facial expressions, or visuals" (the story in lesson 4).
- Wikipedia, "Total physical response": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Total_physical_response . As in earlier units: commands answered with actions, listening before speaking, low stress (lessons 1 and 2).
- Wikipedia, "Information gap task": https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_gap_task (read 9 November 2026). Learners are missing information and must communicate to fill the gap. The pair game in lesson 5 is an information gap: each partner knows only half the prices.

Known gaps and cautions

- Three other agents text-checked this unit at 066df5e on 2026-11-12. Gemini 3.8 Flash and Gemini 4 Argon reported no errors. Gemini 4 Carbon found three materials gaps in lessons 3 and 4 (cards and coins used in the steps but missing from the lesson materials lists); these were fixed in d4cf1b2, and Gemini 4 Carbon and Gemini 4 Argon re-checked the fixes the same day. Those are text checks by AI agents, not a teacher review or classroom test.
- **No pronunciation help**, as in earlier units. Use a fluent speaker's recording if needed.
- **Numbers differ a lot between languages** (see the number warning). This unit cannot say how your language builds the teens and tens. Check with a fluent speaker; some classes will need more time on numbers than this unit gives.
- **Numbers between the tens** (like 25 or 63) are not taught; every price is a tens number, and every coin is worth ten. This is the author's choice to keep the shop simple. The year plan says "numbers to 100": this unit covers eleven to twenty and the tens to one hundred, not every number to 100. Tens-and-ones numbers are a stretch in lesson 3.
- **Word choices, prices and the story are the author's.** The Can-Do Statements describe what learners can do; they do not list words, prices or stories for a grade 3 class. The example "I can say numbers from 1-10" is a Novice Low example; it does not say which numbers a grade 3 class should learn.
- **Money and food are sensitive topics.** The unit uses pretend coins, picture food and story characters only (see Privacy and money). Check the whole unit against your school's policies on money and food in class.
- Timings are untested.

The lesson order matters: children meet the food words (lesson 1) and numbers (lessons 2 and 3) before they hear them together in prices; they hear the story (lesson 4) before they shop in groups; and the pair game and check come last (lesson 5).

Lesson 1: Food at the market

Unit overview - Next: Lesson 2: Eleven to twenty

Goal: Children recognise fourteen food words (ten from grade 1 and four new: **[tomato]**, **[pear]**, **[fish]**, **[milk]**) by pointing to picture cards, and meet Hen's stall.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The fourteen large food picture cards.
- The large price board (shown, but prices are not taught today).
- A cloth or sheet of paper big enough to cover a few cards (for "what's missing?").
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile food cards or large toy food.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Hold up five of the grade 1 food cards one at a time (apple, banana, bread, egg, cheese) and say each word; children point or say it with you.

Warm-up: the old words (7 min)

1. Stick the ten grade 1 food cards on the board. Say each word and point; children say it with you or point from their seats.
2. Play **"Show me"**: say **[Show me the carrot]**; children point to the card (or, if the cards are on desks, hold it up). Do all ten words in a mixed order.
3. Ask yes/no questions about single cards: hold up the rice and say **[Is it soup?]** Children show the cross card. **[Is it rice?]** Tick.

✎ Main activity: four new words and "what's missing?" (12 min)

1. **New words (4 min).** Show **[tomato]**, **[pear]**, **[fish]** and **[milk]** one at a time. Say each word three times, with the card; children listen the first time, then join in or point. Add them to the board.
2. **Hen's stall (2 min).** Show the price board. Say, in the school language: "This is Hen's stall at the Little Hill market. Hen sells ten of these foods." Point to each food on the board and say its name; children point to the matching card on the board. Say that the numbers are prices, and the class will learn them soon.
3. **What's missing? (6 min).** Leave six cards on the board. Children close their eyes (or turn away); cover or take away one card. Children open their eyes; ask **[What is missing?]** in the language, or in the school language. Children say the word, or point

to where it was and the teacher says it. Play several rounds; let a child take a card away if they want to.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Which new food words did we learn today?" (Tomato, pear, fish, milk.)
- "Which foods on Hen's board did we already know from grade 1?" (Apple, carrot, banana, egg, bread, cheese.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Hold up cards one at a time. Children show tick or cross:

1. Hold up the fish: **[Is it fish?]**
2. Hold up the pear: **[Is it a tomato?]**
3. Hold up the milk: **[Is it milk?]**
4. Hold up the tomato: **[Is it a pear?]**

Answers: tick; cross (it is a pear); tick; cross (it is a tomato).

Vocabulary

New: **[tomato]**, **[pear]**, **[fish]**, **[milk]**. Review: **[apple]**, **[banana]**, **[orange]**, **[grapes]**, **[carrot]**, **[bread]**, **[rice]**, **[egg]**, **[cheese]**, **[soup]**, **[Show me the ___]**, **[Is it ___?]**, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** play "what's missing?" with only four cards; children point to the gap instead of naming.
- **Stretch:** children take turns being the teacher: they say **[Show me the ___]** to the class.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** use tactile food cards or large toy food on their desk; for "what's missing?", a partner takes one away and the child feels which is gone.

⚠ Safety

- Picture cards (or large toy food) only; no real food, because of allergies.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- "What is missing?" is a phrase for the teacher; children are not expected to say it. They only need to name or point.
- Some languages need "a" or "an" before a food word, or none, or a different word for things you can count (a pear) and things you cannot (milk). Say it the way the language says it.

- Do not ask children which foods they eat at home or like; that was the grade 1 unit, and this unit is about Hen's stall.

Lesson 2: Eleven to twenty

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 1: Food at the market - Next: Lesson 3: Tens and prices

Goal: Children count on from **[ten]** to **[twenty]** and show a number from **[eleven]** to **[twenty]** when it is said, using the ten card and dot cards or number cards.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The ten card and the kindergarten dot cards 1 to 10 (large).
- Large number cards 11 to 20.
- Small number cards 11 to 20, one set per pair.
- The fourteen large food picture cards (for the opening).
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: the tactile ten card, and dot cards with raised dots.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Show five food cards (tomato, pear, fish, milk, apple) and say **[Show me the ___]** for each in a mixed order; children point.

Warm-up: one to ten (7 min)

1. Count **[one]** to **[ten]** together, with fingers or claps, as in kindergarten.
2. Hold up dot cards in a mixed order; children say the number or show it on their fingers.
3. Hold up the ten card. Count its dots together: there are ten. Say **[ten]**.

✎ Main activity: eleven to twenty (12 min)

1. **Ten and some more (5 min).** Put the ten card on the board. Put the 1 dot card next to it and say **[eleven]**, holding up the 11 number card. Swap in the 2 dot card: **[twelve]**, with the 12 card. Go on to the 10 dot card: **[twenty]**. Children say the numbers with you or point. Then count from **[ten]** to **[twenty]** together, pointing at the cards.
2. **Show me (3 min).** Say a number from **[eleven]** to **[twenty]**. Children point to the large number card on the board. Do six numbers in a mixed order.
3. **Pair game: find it (4 min).** Each pair spreads its small number cards 11 to 20 face up. The teacher says a number; the first partner to touch the card holds it up, then puts it back. After four rounds, partners take turns saying a number for each other (in the language, or by holding up the ten card and a number of fingers).

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "How many dots are on the ten card?" (Ten.)
- "To show fifteen, which dot card goes next to the ten card?" (The 5 dot card.)
- "Do the words for eleven to twenty sound like ten and one, ten and two...? Or are they different?" (Depends on the language; listen to the word card together and decide.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Show the ten card with a dot card beside it. Children hold up the matching small number card (or point to the large one):

1. Ten card and the 3 dot card.
2. Ten card and the 7 dot card.
3. Ten card and the 10 dot card.

Then say **[sixteen]**; children hold up the card.

Answers: 13 (**[thirteen]**); 17 (**[seventeen]**); 20 (**[twenty]**); 16.

Vocabulary

New: **[eleven]**, **[twelve]**, **[thirteen]**, **[fourteen]**, **[fifteen]**, **[sixteen]**, **[seventeen]**, **[eighteen]**, **[nineteen]**, **[twenty]**. Review: **[one]** to **[ten]**, **[Show me the ___]**, food words.

Differentiation

- **Support:** work only with eleven to fifteen; the child points to the number card while the teacher says it with them.
- **Stretch:** counting back from **[twenty]** to **[ten]**; or the child says the number and the partner builds it with the ten card and a dot card.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** use the tactile ten card and raised-dot cards; count the dots by touch.

⚠ Safety

- Nothing special; cards only.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Read the number warning on the unit overview page first. If your language says the ones before the ten (or has special words for the teens), the ten card and dot card still work: point to them in the order the language says them.
- If the language's word for "ten" changes inside the teens (as English "ten" becomes "-teen"), point that out once, lightly, and move on.

- Some children write 12 as 21 if the language says "two-ten". Accept the spoken or pointed answer; the written numeral is a maths skill and is not checked here.

Lesson 3: Tens and prices

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 2: Eleven to twenty - Next: Lesson 4: Bear at the Market

Goal: Children count paper coins in tens to **[one hundred]** and answer **[How much is the ___?]** from Hen's price board.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The large price board.
- Large number cards: the tens 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100.
- Large number cards 11 to 20 from lesson 2 (for the opening count).
- Ten large paper coins (each marked "10") for the teacher.
- Ten paper coins per pair.
- Small number cards per pair: the ten tens (the 11 to 20 cards are put away today).
- The 5 dot card from kindergarten (for the stretch task only).
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile coins and a small copy of the price board.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Count from **[ten]** to **[twenty]** together, pointing at the large 11 to 20 number cards from lesson 2.

Warm-up: counting coins in tens (7 min)

1. Hold up one large coin: "This coin is worth ten." Say **[ten]** and show the 10 card.
2. Add a second coin: **[twenty]**, with the 20 card. Add coins one at a time up to ten coins: **[thirty]**, **[forty]** ... **[one hundred]**. Children say the numbers with you, or hold up a finger for each coin.
3. Count all ten coins again together, faster: **[ten, twenty, thirty ... one hundred]**.

✎ Main activity: tens and prices (12 min)

1. **Show me the coins (4 min).** In pairs, with ten paper coins. Say a tens number; pairs count out that many coins (for **[sixty]**, six coins) and hold up the matching small tens card. Check the answer by counting the coins aloud together. Do five numbers in a mixed order.
2. **How much is it? (4 min).** Point to the price board. Point to the apple and say **[How much is the apple?]** then answer **[Ten coins]**, pointing to the price and holding up one coin. Do the same for the pear (**[Thirty coins]**) and the fish (**[One hundred coins]**).

3. **The class answers (4 min).** Ask **[How much is the ___?]** for five more foods in a mixed order. Children answer by holding up the small tens card, counting out coins, or saying **[___ coins]**. Then let volunteers ask the question while pointing at a food; the class answers.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "How many coins do we need for seventy?" (Seven coins, because each coin is worth ten.)
- "Which food on Hen's board costs the most?" (The fish, one hundred coins.) "Which costs the least?" (The apple, ten coins.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Children answer from the price board with a small tens card, coins, or words:

1. **[How much is the egg?]**
2. **[How much is the bread?]**
3. **[How much is the carrot?]**
4. Hold up four coins: **[Is it forty?]**

Answers: fifty coins (5 coins); seventy coins (7 coins); twenty coins (2 coins); yes (tick).

Vocabulary

New: **[ten]**, **[twenty]**, **[thirty]**, **[forty]**, **[fifty]**, **[sixty]**, **[seventy]**, **[eighty]**, **[ninety]**, **[one hundred]** (as tens), **[coins]**, **[How much is the ___?]**, **[___ coins]**. Review: food words, **[eleven]** to **[twenty]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** use only the first five prices (apple to egg, ten to fifty); the child counts coins one at a time with the teacher saying the tens.
- **Stretch:** tens and ones: the teacher says a number such as **[twenty-five]** the way the language says it, and the child shows it with two coins and the 5 dot card. (This is beyond the unit's outcomes and is not checked.)
- **Blind or low-vision children:** count tactile coins by touch; use their own small price board.

⚠ Safety

- Paper coins only; no real or toy money.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- The point of "one coin = ten" is that children can find any price on the board by counting coins, even before they are sure of the tens words.
- Some children say "seven coins" when asked the price of the bread. That is a correct count of coins; say with them **[seventy coins]** and move on.
- Read the number warning on the unit overview page: in some languages the tens are not all built the same way (for example, a word for seventy that sounds like "sixty-ten"). Teach them as the language says them; do not explain why.
- Never ask children what things cost in their own shops or what their family pays.

Lesson 4: Bear at the Market

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 3: Tens and prices - Next: Lesson 5: Our price list (pair game)

Goal: Children follow the picture story "Bear at the Market", understand **[I would like the ___, please]** and **[Here you are]**, and buy and sell picture-card food in a pretend shop.

Length: about 30 minutes.

Materials

- The word card.
- The six large story picture cards (see the unit overview).
- The large price board.
- Ten large paper coins for the opening count (five of them are Bear's coins in the story), the large pear card and the large cheese card.
- **A pretend shop per group of three or four:** the ten stall food cards (small: apple, carrot, pear, banana, egg, tomato, bread, milk, cheese, fish), a small copy of the price board, ten paper coins, a tray or lidless box for the stall, and six shopping cards, each showing one stall food (apple, carrot, pear, banana, egg, milk).
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile coins, tactile food cards or large toy food, and a small copy of the price board.

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Count ten large coins together in tens: **[ten, twenty, thirty ... one hundred]**. Ask **[How much is the pear?]**; children answer from the price board (thirty coins).

Warm-up: the story (7 min)

1. **Tell it (4 min).** Show the six story cards one at a time and say each card's lines, with the gestures. Act Bear with the five large coins and the pear card: count Bear's coins aloud (**[ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty]**) on card 1, give three coins to "Hen" on card 5, and count the two left on card 6.
2. **Join in (3 min).** Tell it again; children join in with **[Oh no!]** on cards 2 and 3, and with **[Thank you!]** on card 5, by saying it or doing the gesture.

✎ Main activity: the pretend shop (12 min)

1. **Model it (2 min).** At the front, the teacher is the stallholder and a volunteer is the customer, with ten coins. The customer takes a shopping card (the carrot). The talk:
    - Customer: **[Hello!]** Stallholder: **[Hello!]**

- Customer: **[How much is the carrot?]** (or points to the carrot with the "how much" gesture). Stallholder: **[Twenty coins.]**
- Customer: **[I would like the carrot, please.]** (or points to the shopping card). Stallholder: **[Here you are.]** and hands over the carrot card.
- Customer pays two coins. Stallholder: **[Thank you! Goodbye!]**

Then the customer gives the carrot card and the two coins back to the stall, so the next customer has the full set. 2. **Groups shop (8 min).** Each group sets up its stall on a desk. Roles: **stallholder** (sells the food cards and gives prices), **customer** (has the ten coins, takes a shopping card face down, and buys that food), and **coin counter** (counts the coins aloud in tens and checks they match the price). A fourth child is a second customer who waits a turn. After each sale, the food card and coins go back, and roles move round the group. Every child has a turn in each role if they want; nobody has to speak. 3. **Tidy (2 min).** Each group puts its ten food cards, ten coins and six shopping cards back on the tray.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "In the story, why did Bear say 'Oh no!' at the cheese?" (Because the cheese cost ninety coins and Bear had only fifty.)
- "How many coins did Bear have left at the end?" (Two: Bear had five and paid three for the pear.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Lay out the six story cards in order, numbered 1 to 6. Say a line from the story; children hold up fingers (or point) for the card:

1. **[Seventy coins.]**
2. **[Here you are.]**
3. **[I would like the pear, please.]**

Then hold up the cheese card: **[I would like the cheese, please. How much is it?]** Children answer from the price board.

Answers: card 3; card 5; card 4; ninety coins.

Vocabulary

New: **[I would like the ___, please]**, **[Here you are]**. Review: **[How much is the ___?]**, **[___ coins]**, the tens, food words, **[hello]**, **[goodbye]**, **[thank you]**, **[Oh no!]**, **[The end]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child is the coin counter or the stallholder who hands over cards; the teacher or a partner says the words.

- **Stretch:** the customer buys two foods from one shopping round (for example, the apple and the egg: ten and fifty, so six coins), asking both prices first.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** use tactile coins and tactile food cards (or large toy food); the stallholder says the food name as they hand it over.

⚠ Safety

- Stalls stay on desks; children walk, not run. No real food or money.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- Every shopping card costs one hundred coins or less, and every customer has ten coins (one hundred), so every customer can buy their food. Nobody runs out of money.
- Keep Bear's "Oh no!" light: Bear looks surprised, then chooses the pear and is happy. The story is about choosing, not about being poor. Do not ask children what they would do without enough money.
- "I would like" may be very polite or a little formal in your language. Use the phrase a fluent speaker would use at a market stall (see the grammar warning on the unit overview page).
- If a group finishes quickly, the stallholder can ask the customer a closing question: **[How much is the ___?]** for any food on the board.

Lesson 5: Our price list (pair game)

Unit overview - Previous: Lesson 4: Bear at the Market

Goal: Children ask and answer **[How much is the ___?]** in an information-gap pair game about a second stall, and the teacher starts the one-to-one check.

Length: about 30 minutes (the one-to-one check is spread over the week).

Materials

- The word card.
- The large price board (Hen's stall), for the opening; then turned round or covered.
- **Price-list sheets per pair** for **Goat's stall**, a different stall at the same market with different prices:
  - **Sheet A:** all ten stall foods in a list, with five prices filled in: apple 20, pear 40, egg 60, bread 80, cheese 100. The carrot, banana, tomato, milk and fish have an empty price box.
  - **Sheet B:** the same list, with the other five prices filled in: carrot 10, banana 30, tomato 50, milk 70, fish 90. The apple, pear, egg, bread and cheese have an empty price box.
- A folder or book per pair to stand up as a screen.
- A pencil per child.
- Ten paper coins per pair.
- A large copy of Goat's full price list (all ten prices), kept hidden until the closing check.
- Tick and cross cards (one of each per child).
- **Check things** (see the Assessment section of the unit overview): eight small food cards (apple, carrot, pear, banana, bread, fish, tomato, milk), small number cards 11 to 20 and the ten tens, ten paper coins, the ten card and dot cards, the small price board (Hen's), and the record sheet (class list with five columns).
- Ear defenders and a quiet spot.
- Optional, for blind or low-vision children: tactile coins, and large-print copies of the sheets (see Differentiation).

Steps

✎ Opening (3 min)

Greeting chant. Ask two prices from Hen's board: **[How much is the tomato?]** (sixty coins) and **[How much is the milk?]** (eighty coins). Then turn the board round or cover it.

Warm-up: Goat's stall (7 min)

1. In the school language: "Goat has a stall at the market too. Goat sells the same foods, but Goat's prices are different. Each of you knows only half of Goat's prices."
2. Show a sheet A and point out the filled-in prices and the empty boxes. Say: "To fill the empty boxes, you ask your partner."

3. **Model it (3 min).** With a volunteer who has sheet B behind a screen, the teacher (with sheet A) points to the carrot and asks **[How much is the carrot?]** The volunteer answers **[Ten coins]** (or holds up one coin, or shows the tens with fingers). The teacher writes 10 in the carrot's empty box.

✎ Main activity: the pair game (12 min)

1. **Ask and fill (8 min).** Partners sit with a screen between them. Child A asks about each food with an empty box on sheet A; child B answers from sheet B and A writes the number. Then they swap: B asks about B's empty boxes and A answers. Answers can be words, coins counted out (one coin for each ten), or fingers.
2. **Compare (2 min).** Partners take the screen away and put their sheets side by side. Every food should now have the same price on both sheets. Fix any that are different by asking again.
3. **Shop at Goat's stall (2 min).** With the ten paper coins, partners take turns: one points to a food and says **[I would like the ___, please]**; the other says the price from the sheet, and the first counts out the coins.

✓ Discussion questions (with answers) (3 min)

In the school language:

- "Why did you need to ask your partner?" (Because only your partner knew those prices.)
- "Is the pear cheaper at Hen's stall or at Goat's stall?" (Hen's: thirty coins; Goat's is forty.)

✓ Closing check (with answers) (5 min)

Show the large copy of Goat's full price list. Children answer with fingers, coins, a tick or cross, or words:

1. **[How much is the banana?]**
2. **[How much is the fish?]**
3. Point to the cheese: **[Is it ninety coins?]**

Answers: thirty coins; ninety coins; no (cross), it is one hundred coins.

One-to-one check (over the week)

While the class plays the lesson 3 coin game or the lesson 4 pretend shop again, do the five-part check in the unit overview with each child (about 3 minutes each). Use Hen's small price board for part 4, not Goat's list.

Vocabulary

Review: **[How much is the ___?]**, **[___ coins]**, **[I would like the ___, please]**, the tens, food words, **[yes]**, **[no]**.

Differentiation

- **Support:** the child fills only two or three empty boxes; the partner may point to the number on their sheet after saying it.
- **Stretch:** the child asks a whole question and answers with a whole sentence each time; or the pair makes up a third stall with new tens prices and plays again.
- **Blind or low-vision children:** the partner reads each price aloud and the child records it by putting that many tactile coins on the food's line of the sheet, instead of writing; large-print sheets for low-vision children.

⚠ Safety

- Pencils are used at desks and collected at the end.

Teacher notes and misconceptions

- This is an information gap: each partner really needs the other's prices. Do not let children look over the screen, and keep Hen's board covered, because Goat's prices are different.
- Writing a numeral such as 70 is a maths skill, not the language skill being practised. Children may draw seven coins, or put seven coins on the box, instead.
- Some children answer with the coin count (**[seven]**) instead of the price (**[seventy]**). Accept it in the game; say **[seventy coins]** with them.
- Goat's prices are made up by the author, like Hen's, and are not meant to be realistic.