

## Tagging

The Latvian currency is the **lats** (plural **lati**), divided into 100 **santīmi** (singular **santīms**). Eventually Latvia plans to join the Euro (**eiro** in Latvian), but for now Latvia uses the currency unit that it used from 1918 to 1940, when Latvia was first independent, and has used again since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The lats is worth about £1 sterling, or about \$1.50 US.



Imagine it is your job to put the prices on new items for sale in various shops. With this list of shops and goods for sale, you should be able to do it.

But first you have to learn the Latvian numbers:

**viens** (masc.), **viena** (fem.) *one*

**pusotra** *one and a half*

**divi** (m.), **divas** (f.) *two*

**trīs** *three*

**četri** (m.) **četras** (f.) *four*

**pieci**, **piecas** *five*

**seši**, **sešas** *six*

**septiņi**, **septiņas** *seven*

**astoņi**, **astoņas** *eight*

**deviņi**, **deviņas** *nine*

**desmit** *ten*

**vienpadsmit** *eleven*

**divpadsmit** *twelve...* and so on up to

**divdesmit** *twenty*

**divdesmit viens** *twenty-one...* and so on up to

**trīsdesmit** *thirty*

and so on up to

**simt** *hundred*



Here is a list of shops:

**grāmatnīca** bookshop

**lielveikals** supermarket

**sporta veikals** sports shop

**kiosks** kiosk

**mēbeļu veikals** furniture store

**sadzīves veikals** home appliance store

**mašīnas reserves daļu veikals** car parts shop

**rotālietu veikals** toyshop

**aptieka** chemist

**mūzikas veikals** music shop

**kosmētikas veikals** cosmetics shop

**ceptuve** bakery

**pārtikas veikals** grocery

Choose the items from the list below and think of which shop you would use to buy them:

**romāns** novel

**futbola bumba** football

**lietussargs** umbrella

**televīzors** TV set

**dienas avīze** daily newspaper

**pudele limonādes** bottle of lemonade

**flīzes** tiles

**gulta** bed

**šķēres** scissors

**penselis** paintbrush

**veļās mazgājamā mašīna** washing machine

**ķirbis** pumpkin

**zāģis** saw

**āmurs** hammer

**gludeklis** iron

**sēnes** mushrooms

**spuldze** electric bulb

**sarkana krāsa** red paint

**putnu būris** birdcage

**tenisa rakete** tennis racquet

**hokeja nūja** (ice-) hockey stick

**saldējums** ice-cream

**šķivis** plate

**kafijas tase** coffee cup

**saksofons** saxophone

**klavieres** piano

**lūpu zīmulis** lipstick

**pudele sarkanvīna** bottle of red wine

**maize** bread

**siers** chese

**velosipēds** bicycle

**pūķis** kite

Now try completing these sentences:

**Šis/Šī** (masc./fem.) \_\_\_\_\_ **maksā** \_\_\_\_\_ **latus** (un \_\_\_\_\_ **santīmus**).

*This \_\_ costs \_\_\_\_.*

*(Accusative sing/plural endings for the sums paid: -u, -us/-as)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **cena ir** \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen.) *price is* \_\_\_\_\_.