



Adding money

It may be useful to look at the addition factsheets in the Addition section before beginning this section.

The factsheet 'Recording money' shows how money can be said or written in different ways.

To add money values you must:

- record amounts to **two decimal places**, putting in extra zeroes if needed
- line up the decimal points **underneath** each other
- start your calculation from the **right**

Example 1

Liz bought a newspaper for **50p**, a drink for **one pound five pence** and a sandwich for **£2.25**. How much did she spend altogether?

	£. p	
Newspaper	0.50	Put in the leading zero.
Drink	1.05	Put in the place holder zero.
Sandwich	2.25	
Total	<u>3.80</u>	Remember that a calculator would not show this zero.

Liz spent **£3.80**.

Example 2

Here is a list of items in the college shop.

Heenah buys a ballpoint pen, an A4 refill pad and an A4 lever arch file.

How much did she spend?

College Shop	
<i>A4 Refill Pad</i>	3.20
<i>Ball point pens</i>	0.50
<i>Calculator</i>	1.50
<i>A4 Lever arch file</i>	2.00

	£ . p
A4 Refill Pad	3 . 2 0
Ball point pens	0 . 5 0
A4 Lever arch file	2 . 0 0
	<u>5 . 7 0</u>

Heenah spent **£5.70**.