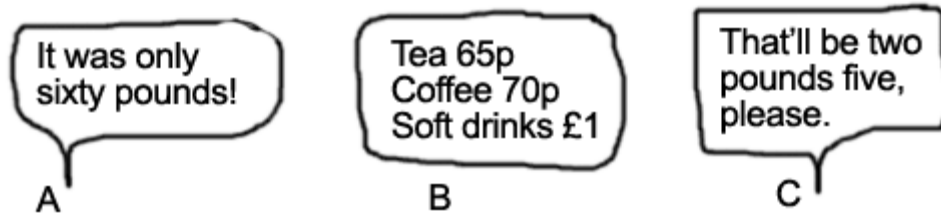




Recording money

The factsheet **Reading and writing decimal numbers** in the Decimals topic may be useful for revision of **place values**.

Prices can be marked on goods, or spoken, in different ways. For example:



Money written in **figures** is sometimes written with two decimal places. The decimal point marks the end of the **whole numbers**, and the two columns on the right are for the **pence**.

Example A above could be recorded as £60.00, using two **trailing zeroes** to record that there are no pence.

The items in example B could be recorded as £0.65, £0.70 and £1.00. The **leading zero** is used when there are no whole numbers.

Example C would be recorded as £2.05, not as £2.5. The zero here is a **placeholder**, so that the value of the five goes in the correct column (it is 5 hundredths).

If you use a calculator for money questions, note that it **will not add trailing zeroes**, so an answer of twenty pounds sixty pence would appear as 20.6 and should be recorded as 20.60.