

# The Art of Haggling in Spanish

## El Arte de Regatear

*A1 Homework Worksheet · Verbs like gustar · Simple present · Ir a + infinitive*

**Cultural context.** In many Spanish-speaking countries, bargaining (**regatear**) is not just accepted — it is expected. Traditional markets in Mexico, Colombia, Peru, and Morocco offer a rich setting to connect with local culture and practice the language naturally. This worksheet focuses on three grammar tools you need to negotiate like a local.

**1**

**Verbs like gustar**

*Express what you like*

**2**

**Simple Present**

*Ask prices & negotiate*

**3**

**Ir a + Infinitive**

*State your decisions*

### Essential Vocabulary — Vocabulario Esencial

Spanish	English
<b>Asking for the price — Presente Simple</b>	
¿Cuanto cuesta? / ¿Cual es el precio?	How much does it cost? / What is the price?
¿Cuanto es lo menos?	What is the lowest price? (Very common in Mexico)
<b>Expressing interest — Verbos similares a gustar</b>	
Me gusta este recuerdo.	I like this souvenir.
Me encantan estos zapatos.	I love these shoes.
El vestido me queda perfecto.	The dress fits me perfectly.
<b>Negotiating — Presente Simple</b>	
Es muy caro.	It is too expensive.
¿Me lo deja en euros?	Will you give it to me for euros?
¿Acepta dolares?	Do you accept dollars?
<b>Making decisions — Ir a + Infinitivo</b>	
Voy a pensarlo.	I am going to think about it.
Voy a buscar en otro lugar.	I am going to look somewhere else.
Esta bien, me lo llevo.	Okay, I will take it.
Voy a pagar en efectivo.	I am going to pay in cash.

**Quick grammar reminder:** **gustar / encantar / quedar** agree with the thing, not the person (**me gusta** este libro / **me gustan** estos libros). **Ir a + infinitive** = voy / vas / va / vamos / van + infinitive verb (**voy a pagar**).

### Exercise A — Completa el Diálogo

Fill in the blanks with the correct Spanish form of the verbs in parentheses. Pay attention to whether you need a conjugated form, a gerund structure (**ir a + infinitive**), or a verb like *gustar*.

Speaker	Line
Vendedor	¡Buenos días! ¿En que le puedo ayudar?
Tu	Buenos días. Me _____ (1. <i>gustar</i> ) estas sandalias casuales. ¿Cuanto _____ (2. <i>costar</i> )?
Vendedor	Cuestan 30 euros. Son de alta calidad.
Tu	¡Es muy caro! ¿ _____ (3. <i>aceptar</i> ) 20 euros?
Vendedor	¿Que tal 25 euros?
Tu	Mmmm, no. Yo _____ (4. <i>ir a + buscar</i> ) en otro lugar, gracias.
Vendedor	¡Espera! En 20 se las dejo.
Tu	¡Perfecto! La talla me _____ (5. <i>quedar</i> ) muy bien. Las _____ (6. <i>ir a + comprar</i> ).

### Exercise B — Traduce y Practica

Write your own responses in Spanish using the prompts below. Use the vocabulary section if needed.

7. Tell the vendor you love (*encantar*) the red shirt.

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8. Ask: "What is the lowest price you will take?"

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9. Say that you are going to pay (*ir a + pagar*) with a card (*con tarjeta*).

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**WRITTEN PRODUCTION EXERCISE**  
Create every line from scratch. Use your own words.

**Exercise C — Crea Tu Propio Diálogo**

**Scenario:** You are visiting a traditional street market and you spot a beautiful handmade bag (**una bolsa hecha a mano**). Write a short conversation with the vendor where you admire it, negotiate the price, and make your final decision.

**Your dialogue must include:**

- A **verb like gustar** to show interest in the bag.
- The **simple present** to ask for the price and push back (tell them it is too expensive).
- Ir a + infinitive** to state your final decision.

**Tu** *Start the conversation — show interest in the bag...*

**Vendedor** *¡Hola! Cuesta 40 euros. Es de muy buena calidad.*

**Tu** *Respond — negotiate! Tell them it is too expensive...*

**Vendedor** *Bueno, se la dejo en 30 euros. ¿Que le parece?*

**Tu** *Make your final decision using ir a + infinitive...*

**Vendedor** *¡Trato hecho! Gracias por su compra.*

**Self-Check — Revisión Final**

Did you include...	Yes	Not yet
A verb like gustar to show interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A price question using the simple present.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The word "caro" or another present tense negotiation line.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ir a + infinitive for your final decision.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Correct agreement for gustar / encantar (singular vs. plural).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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