

Alf, Bert and Carl are three boys from the neighbourhood. Today is Saturday. They want to play football. But they don't have a ball.

There is a ball on display in the window of the sports store. It costs thirty euros. Alf says: "If we each bring 10 euros, we can buy the ball." Bert and Carl agree.

In the sports store, they are served by Sue, the apprentice. She pumps up the ball properly and gives good advice on leather care. Then she collects the thirty euros. The boys leave the store and march off.



The manager of the sports store then says: "Sue, you've taken five euros too much. There's a special offer on footballs this week. That ball only costs 25 euros. The boys are probably on the sports field. Would you please bring them the 5 euros?"

On the way to the sports field, Sue thinks: "Five is difficult to divide by three. I'll give each of the boys one euro and keep two for myself."

That's what she does. She gives each boy one euro and returns to the store with two euros in her pocket.

But now a problem arises. Each of the boys has paid **nine euros**. Okay?

$$3 \times 9 \text{ €} = 27 \text{ €}.$$

Then there are **two euros** left in Sue's pocket. Okay?

$$27\text{€} + 2\text{€} = 29\text{€}.$$

Where is the thirtieth euro?

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