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Puzzling Shopping

A man went in to a shop and asked: "How much is 1?"

"£ 1.20" replied the shopkeeper.

"How much are 10?" asked the man,

"£ 2.40" replied the shopkeeper,

"I'll have a 100" said the man,

The shopkeeper charged him £3.60, what was the man buying?

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The man was buying single numbers; each number cost £1.20. He had to compose number 100, so he bought one single number 1 and two 0's. Thus he had to pay for the three single numbers $3 \times £1.20 = £3.60$.

There are a lot of real things he could buy:

- Numbers for his house;
- Birthday candles in shape of digits;
- Numbers for his letter box;
- Numbers for his front door;
- Diecast numerals;
- Number for his outside address plate;
- Digits for a sign.

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