To ask a “how much” or “how many” question in Arabic, begin with كَم

Whereas English always uses a plural noun, even if the answer is likely singular (“How many cars do you own?”), Arabic is the opposite. كَم always takes a singular, even if we expect the response to be more than one (e.g. “How many dollar is the U.S. national budget?”). The noun also takes a اً ending for masculine and ةً for feminine:

كم كلباً عندك؟

كم سيارةً عندك؟

كم أخاً عندك؟