

Middle School Course 3.3 How do You Budget?

Student Activity Packet
Spanish version

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INTRO				
DRAW A PICTURE				
 Surprise - your grandma gave you \$100 for your birthday! Honey to spend on things you need, things you want, and down the percentage you would put in each bucket and create a pie chart that represents your breakdown below! 	money for savings ? Write then fill in the circle to			
% in Needs% in Wants% in Savings				
Compare your answer with a partner and discuss why you birthday present the way you did. How did your partner's compared to the way you did.				



VIDEO: Building a Budget

Building a budget for the first time can seem overwhelming - but it doesn't have to be! Watch this video to learn the basics of creating a budget. Then, answer the questions.

- 1. All of the following options are considered a "need" EXCEPT...
 - a. Music streaming subscription
 - b. Gas for your car
 - c. Monthly health insurance premium
 - d. Rent
- 2. All of the following options are considered "wants" EXCEPT...
 - a. Electricity and gas
 - b. New fall sweater
 - c. Eating at your favorite local restaurant
 - d. Netflix subscription
- 3. Which of the following statements about saving is TRUE?
 - a. Saving is best for long-term goals only.
 - b. Setting aside money each month consistently will help you in the long run when future needs come up.
 - c. You should dedicate 20% of your income to computer upgrades each month.
 - d. Monthly expenses like utilities should be categorized under saving.

- 4. Why is it helpful to track your spending for 2 months?
 - a. You can receive higher interest rates for your savings account when you can show how you spend your money.
 - b. You can receive special discounts at certain stores when you can show how you spend your money.
 - c. To identify your spending patterns and then prioritize your needs, wants, and savings goals.
 - d. To eliminate all spending on your wants.

VIDEO: Understanding Your Paycheck

The previous video described how you can divide your money across multiple categories. Let's take a step back to better understand where that money comes from in the first place - your paycheck! Watch this video to learn how to better read your paycheck. Then, answer the questions.

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FINE PRINT: Read a Pay Stub

In the second video, we learned the basics of reading a pay stub. Now, it's time to put that knowledge into practice! Use the sample pay stub below to answer the questions that follow.

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Some Corporation 123 Somewhere Drive, Durham, NC 12345				95220	EARNINGS STATEMENT			
EMPLOYE	ENAME	SSN	EMPLOYEE ID	CHECK NO.		ERIOD	PAY DATE	
Hope Marie	Kingsley	xxx-xx-6789	98856	98765	5/1/2018 -	5/15/2018	5/21/2018	
INCOME	RATE	HOURS	CURRENT TOTAL	DEDUCTIONS		CURRENT TOTAL	YEAR-TO-DATE	
GROSS WAGES	15.00	40	600.00	FICA MED TAX		8.70	78.30	
				FICA SS TAX		37.20	334.80	
				FED TAX		90.00	810.00	
				NC ST TAX		34.50	310.50	
				HEALTH		\$76.58	\$689.22	
				DENTAL		\$8.23	\$74.07	
				RETIREMENT*		\$60.00	\$540.00	
YTD GROSS	YTD DEDUCTIONS	YTD N	IET PAY	CURRENT TOTAL	CURRENT DEDUCTIONS	NET PAY		
5,400.00	2,836.89	2,563.11		600.00	315.21	284	.79	
					*Excluded from federal taxable wages			

- 1. What pay period is this pay stub for?
 - a. 5/1/18 5/7/18
 - b. 5/1/18 5/15/18
 - c. 5/15/18 5/21/18
 - d. 5/1/18 5/31/18
- 2. When is Hope receiving this paycheck?
 - a. 5/1/18
 - b. 5/15/18
 - c. 5/21/18
 - d. 5/31/18
- 3. How much does Hope get paid per hour?
 - a. \$10
 - b. \$15
 - c. \$30
 - d. \$40

4.	How many hours did Hope work this pay period? a. 10 b. 15 c. 30 d. 40
5.	What was Hope's gross pay during this pay period? a. \$78.30 b. \$284.79 c. \$600 d. \$5400
6.	What was Hope's net pay during this pay period? a. \$78.30 b. \$284.79 c. \$600 d. \$5400
7.	How much did Hope pay in total in taxes during this pay period? a. \$8.70 b. \$45.90 c. \$90.00 d. \$170.40
8.	How money was taken out in total deductions from Hope's paycheck this pay period? a. \$284.79 b. \$315.21 c. \$540 d. \$2836.89
9.	How much would Hope get paid in one month? a. \$284.79 b. \$569.58 c. \$600 d. \$1200
10	. If she uses the 50/30/20 rule to budget, calculate how much money would go towards Needs, Wants, and Savings per month.



1.	Your older brother gets his first job as a cashier at your local supermarket. He comes home and says, "Oh my gosh! I'm getting paid \$8 an hour, so if I work 10 hours this week and next week, that means I'll have \$160 to spend!" What do you tell your brother?