

Back-to-School Shopping

Budgeting Activity

Who doesn't love back-to-school shopping? Even if you are not excited to get back to school, back-to-school shopping is always fun. A haircut, new clothes, shoes, backpacks and school supplies are probably on your list.

Have you ever thought about what you really need? How much it costs to prepare to go back to school?

Directions:

1. Set a dollar amount for your back to school spending budget.
2. On the "Back-to-School Wishlist," create a list of items you wish to buy.
3. Decide which of these items are needs, and which are things you want, but could do without. Circle your selection.
4. Prioritize the list. Number the most important item on the list as 1.
5. Transfer your list to the "Back-to-School Shopping List." Research each item to determine its price, and where to buy it.
6. Find the total cost of the list. Does it fit within your budget? If not, adjust your list.



Back-to-School Wishlist

Create your wishlist. Circle which items you **need** and which items you **want**.
Then, prioritize the list. Number the most important item as 1.

Circle one:

Back to school item

Priority number

NEED or **WANT**

Spiral notebook

1

NEED or **WANT**

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Back-to-School Shopping List

Transfer your wishlist to the space provided.
Research the price of each item and where to buy it.

Item	Location	Cost
1. _____	_____	_____ 
2. _____	_____	_____ 
3. _____	_____	_____ 
4. _____	_____	_____ 
5. _____	_____	_____ 
6. _____	_____	_____ 
7. _____	_____	_____ 
8. _____	_____	_____ 
9. _____	_____	_____ 
10. _____	_____	_____ 

**Add up the total cost of the supplies. Does it fit within your budget?
If the total cost is more than the budget, what is the difference?
What do you need to omit or change to fit the budget?**

Total cost:  _____

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Total budget:  _____

Circle the symbol that makes this sentence true.