

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Choosing the best cell phone plan for you

Imagine you're in the market for a new cell phone.

You want to figure out which cell phone provider offers the best deal on the features you need and want. Practicing comparison shopping can help you make an informed buying decision.

Instructions

- 1 Record cell phone and plan features that are most important to you.
- 2 Research cell phone plans from two carriers for a typical cell phone that meets your requirements (be sure to compare plans for the same brand/model of cell phone) and record your findings in the "Comparison shopping tool" handout.
- 3 Analyze the information and choose the best phone and plan for your needs, wants, and budget.
- 4 Answer the reflection questions.



1. Features you want in a cell phone and cell phone plan

Record the cell phone and plan features that are most important to you. (What's your budget? Is photo quality important? Do you want unlimited data? Do you want to stream movies? How's the carrier's coverage in the places you go?)

Phone features	Plan features

2. Research and record your findings

Research and compare plans for a similar type of cell phone with two different carriers. Be sure to compare the plans using the features you brainstormed above. Use the "Comparison shopping tool" handout to record your findings.

Which plans are you comparing?

3. Determine the best plan for you

Use the "Comparison shopping tool" handout to decide which plan is best for you based on your needs, wants, and budget. Which phone/plan did you decide on? How much will it cost?

Reflection questions

1. Was your final choice different from what you thought it might be before comparison shopping? Why do you think it was different?

2. How does comparison shopping help you make more informed buying choices?

3. How could you use comparison shopping in your own life?