

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Comparing public transportation options

Imagine you're starting a new job in the city and you need to decide how you'll get to work.

You'll compare features and costs of methods of mass transportation (e.g., bus, train/light rail, metro/subway, ride share, taxi) to see which one best meets your needs, wants, and budget. The practice of comparing costs and features can help you to make an informed decision.

Instructions

- 1 Record the transportation features that are most important to you.
- 2 Conduct initial research on available options and find two that look promising.
- 3 Record the costs and other features of those options in the "Comparison shopping tool" handout.
- 4 Analyze the information and choose the method of transportation that best meets your needs, wants, and budget.
- 5 Answer the reflection questions.



1. Features you want in public transportation

Record the transportation features that are most important to you (What’s your budget? Is travel time or convenience important? Do you hope to avoid walking or using stairs? Would you rather pay monthly or daily?)

2. Research and record your findings

Research and compare two methods of public transportation. Be sure to compare each method using the features you brainstormed above. Use the “Comparison shopping tool” handout to record your findings.

Which two methods of transportation are you comparing?

3. Determine the best option for you

Use the “Comparison shopping tool” handout to decide which transportation method is best for you based on your needs, wants, and budget. Which method 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?