

BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Figuring out how much to tip

Sometimes we need to leave a tip for a person or business to show our appreciation for their services.

The cost of the tip, also called a gratuity, is added to the amount of the bill. People generally leave a tip that is 15%, 18%, or 20% of the bill. Some people decide how much to tip based on how good the service was. If you don't get good service, one rule to live by is to leave a tip anyway because it's part of a person's pay. Knowing how to calculate a tip will help you leave the right amount of gratuity.

Instructions

- 1** Calculate the tip amounts for each scenario and add the tip to the original bill to figure out the total cost.
- 2** Answer the reflection questions.

Figuring out tip amounts

1. You get a haircut that costs \$25.

15% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
18% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
20% tip: \$	Total cost: \$

2. A taxicab picks you up at the airport and drives you to a hotel. The trip costs \$32.

15% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
18% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
20% tip: \$	Total cost: \$



3. You and your friend have lunch at your favorite restaurant. Your share of the meal is \$15.75.

15% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
18% tip: \$	Total cost: \$
20% tip: \$	Total cost: \$

Reflection questions

1. How would you decide how much to tip someone for their service?

2. How will knowing how to calculate tips help you in the future?