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BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

Furnishing your first apartment

Someday, you'll be living on your own. That can be exciting. So can buying things for your first apartment.

While shopping can be fun, it's important to stay within your budget so you can afford your new living situation.

Instructions

- 1 Read the scenario.
- 2 Review the home furnishings lists in the "Buying things for your first apartment" section on this worksheet and select the items you want.
- 3 Visit each station your teacher has created around the room to find out the price of the items you've selected.
- 4 List the prices of each item you selected and then total all the prices.
 - You can add or remove items to stick to your budget.
- 5 Answer the reflection questions.
- 6 If time allows, draw a picture of one of the rooms in your apartment.

Scenario

Congratulations, you're moving out on your own! Because you can't take any furnishings with you, you'll need to buy all of the furniture and other items for your first apartment. You have \$2,000 in savings to spend on furnishing your first apartment and you've decided that you want to buy all of your furnishings at a department store. You can't spend more than your \$2,000 savings.



Buying things for your first apartment

Choose furnishings and other items for each room in your apartment. Visit the stations around the room to find out the price of each item you selected. List the prices and then add them to find the total costs.

Living room

Item	Price
Four-seat fabric couch	
Three-seat fabric couch	
Four-seat leather couch	
Three-seat leather couch	
Fabric recliner	
Leather recliner	
Coffee table	
End table	
Lamp	
Television	
Television stand	
Rug	
Curtains (one window)	
Living room total:	

Kitchen and dining room

Item	Price
Small dining table and four chairs	
Large dining table and six chairs	
Coffee maker	
Microwave	
Toaster oven	
Dish rack	
Dinnerware set (for eight)	
Glassware set (for eight)	
Flatware set (for eight)	
Set of pots and pans	
Set of cooking utensils	
Mixer	
Strainer	
Set of food storage containers	
Measuring cups and spoons	
Mixing bowl	
Dish cloth and dish towel	
Curtains (one window)	
Kitchen and dining room total:	

Bedroom

Item	Price
King bed	
Queen bed	
Full bed	
Twin bed	
Bedding set	
Dresser	
Nightstand	
Lamp	
Television	
Rug	
Curtains (one window)	
Bedroom total:	

Bathroom

Item	Price
Shower curtain set	
Shower storage rack	
Set of two bath towels, two hand towels, and four washcloths	
Bathroom rug	
Tub mat	
Curtains (one window)	
Bathroom total:	

Total cost of furnishings: _____

Amount in budget: \$2,000

Did you stay within your budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reflection questions

1. Which items did you want but could not afford? Would you save money to buy them?
2. What is one item you could not live without?
3. Do you think using a budget to furnish an apartment is a good idea? Why or why not?