

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

# Investigating investing

Investing your money can help you reach long-term financial goals (such as buying a home or retiring). Understanding different financial investment products can help you choose the ones that might work best for you.

## Instructions

- 1 Visit the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC's) Investor.gov investment products webpage at <https://www.investor.gov/introduction-investing/basics/investment-products>.
- 2 Research the following types of financial investment products: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and commodities.
- 3 On the next page, write a description of each investment, including some of the investment's pros and cons.
- 4 Reflect on which investments you'd consider using to meet your long-term goals. You can choose from among the four investment products you researched and the others listed on the webpage.

## NOTE

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While this activity focuses on four products, they aren't the only types of financial investments. It's helpful to learn about what kinds of financial investment products are available and consider which ones you might use to support your long-term goals.



Type of investment	Description (including pros and cons)
Stocks	
Bonds	
Mutual funds	
Commodities	

## Reflection questions

Which financial investment products would you consider using to meet your long-term goals? Why?