

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Paying for after-school activities

After-school activities can be a lot of fun, but sometimes they can also cost money. Careful planning and budgeting can help you make sure you have enough money, time, and commitment to take part in an after-school activity.

Instructions

- 1 Read the scenario.
- 2 Review the “After-school activities: Time and money costs” handout.
- 3 Answer the “Planning for after-school activities” questions.
- 4 Use the handout and your answers to the planning questions to complete the “After-school activities planner.”
- 5 Answer the reflection questions.

After-school scenario

Congratulations! Because you’ve been a model student, your school district has awarded you a \$400 scholarship to cover the cost of participating in after-school activities this school year. You know that extracurricular activities are important. You think it’s a good idea to participate in at least one or two during the year. But you want to be sure you aren’t overcommitting yourself! You’ll need to have enough time to do your homework each day so you can keep your grades up.

Planning for after-school activities

1. How many hours each day do I need to do my homework?
2. How much time each week do I have free to participate in after-school activities?



3. Which activities on the “After-school activities: Time and money costs” handout am I most interested in?

After-school activities planner

Now create a plan for using the after-school scholarship money. List the activities you decided to sign up for and complete the activities planner. Be sure that you’re within your \$400 budget and your available time.

Activity	Time commitment	Cost
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Reflection questions

1. Why did you choose the activities in your planner?

2. Was there an activity that you were interested in that isn't on your list? If so, why didn't you include it?

3. Were you surprised by how much each activity costs over a year? Why or why not?