

Compare Prices

SMART SHOPPING • GRADES 3-4 • Financial Literacy

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Smart shoppers compare prices before they buy. Use the two price lists to make careful shopping decisions.

Clay Corner Supply

SCHOOL SUPPLY PRICE LIST

Notebook	\$3.75
Markers	\$5.50
Pencil Pouch	\$4.80
Sketch Pad	\$6.25
Ruler	\$1.85
Water Bottle	\$7.40

Maze Street Supply

SCHOOL SUPPLY PRICE LIST

Notebook	\$4.25
Markers	\$4.95
Pencil Pouch	\$5.25
Sketch Pad	\$5.75
Ruler	\$2.10
Water Bottle	\$6.95

SHOPPING TIP: The lowest price can change from item to item. Compare what you actually plan to buy.

1. Brooke needs a notebook. Which store has the lower price, and how much would she save?

2. Scott wants markers and a sketch pad. If he buys both at the same store, which store costs less? How much less?

3. Jennifer may shop at both stores. What is the least she can spend on a pencil pouch and a water bottle?

4. Eric has \$10.00 and needs markers and a ruler. Can he buy both at either store? Show the total for each store.

5. Paige says, "I should buy everything at the store with the cheaper notebook." Is that always the best shopping plan? Use the price lists to explain.

6. Donald wants a notebook, markers, and a ruler. He can visit both stores. Choose where he should buy each item to spend the least possible amount. What is the total?

7. Stacy has \$12.00. She wants a sketch pad and a water bottle. What is the least possible cost? Does she have enough? If not, how much more does she need?

8. A store advertises "Lowest Prices!" Based only on these six items, is either store cheaper for every product? Explain what a smart shopper should do.

Answer Key - Compare Prices

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1. Brooke needs a notebook. Which store has the lower price, and how much would she save?

Answer: Clay Corner Supply; \$0.50

2. Scott wants markers and a sketch pad. If he buys both at the same store, which store costs less? How much less?

Answer: Maze Street Supply; \$1.05 less

3. Jennifer may shop at both stores. What is the least she can spend on a pencil pouch and a water bottle?

Answer: \$11.75

4. Eric has \$10.00 and needs markers and a ruler. Can he buy both at either store? Show the total for each store.

Answer: Yes at both: Clay Corner Supply \$7.35; Maze Street Supply \$7.05

5. Paige says, "I should buy everything at the store with the cheaper notebook." Is that always the best shopping plan? Use the price lists to explain.

Answer: No. Different items are cheaper at different stores; for example, markers, the sketch pad, and the water bottle cost less at Maze Street Supply.

6. Donald wants a notebook, markers, and a ruler. He can visit both stores. Choose where he should buy each item to spend the least possible amount. What is the total?

Answer: Notebook at Clay Corner Supply; markers at Maze Street Supply; ruler at Clay Corner Supply; total \$10.55

7. Stacy has \$12.00. She wants a sketch pad and a water bottle. What is the least possible cost? Does she have enough? If not, how much more does she need?

Answer: Least cost \$12.70; no; she needs \$0.70 more

8. A store advertises "Lowest Prices!" Based only on these six items, is either store cheaper for every product? Explain what a smart shopper should do.

Answer: No. Neither store is cheapest for every item. A smart shopper compares the prices of the specific items needed.