

Build a Shopping List

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A smart shopping list helps you buy what you need while staying within a budget. Use the Clayway School Shop price guide to make each plan work.

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SHOPPING LIST PRICE GUIDE

Notebook	\$3.25	Sketch Pad	\$5.50
Glue Sticks	\$2.40	Pencil Pouch	\$4.20
Markers	\$4.75	Colored Pencils	\$3.85
Folder Set	\$3.60	Ruler	\$1.65

PLANNING TIP: A shopping plan must satisfy every requirement and stay within the budget.

1. Brooke has \$10.00. She needs a notebook and glue sticks. Choose one more item she can add without going over budget. Find the total.

2. Eric has \$12.00 and wants exactly three different items. He must include markers. Build a shopping list that stays within his budget and find how much money is left.

3. Jennifer's list has a sketch pad, pencil pouch, and colored pencils. Her budget is \$12.00. Is her list within budget? If not, how much over budget is it?

4. Jennifer still wants the sketch pad, but she must revise her list to stay within \$12.00. Replace ONE of her other two items with a less expensive item. Give one valid revised list and total.

5. Scott has \$15.00. List A is a notebook, markers, and sketch pad. List B is glue sticks, folder set, pencil pouch, and ruler. Which list costs less? How much less?

6. Paige has \$10.00. She wants to buy as many DIFFERENT items as possible. Can she buy four different items without going over budget? Find a combination or explain why not.

7. Donald has \$15.00 and must buy a notebook and a ruler. He also wants either markers OR a sketch pad. Which choice leaves him with more money? How much more?

8. Your turn: You have \$15.00. Build a shopping list with at least three different items. Spend at least \$10.00 but do not go over \$15.00. List the items, total cost, and money left.

Answer Key - Build a Shopping List

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1. Brooke has \$10.00. She needs a notebook and glue sticks. Choose one more item she can add without going over budget. Find the total.

Answer: Answers vary. Notebook + glue sticks cost \$5.65. Valid extra items are folder set, pencil pouch, colored pencils, or ruler.
Example: add folder set; total \$9.25.

2. Eric has \$12.00 and wants exactly three different items. He must include markers. Build a shopping list that stays within his budget and find how much money is left.

Answer: Answers vary. Example: markers + notebook + ruler = \$9.65; \$2.35 left.

3. Jennifer's list has a sketch pad, pencil pouch, and colored pencils. Her budget is \$12.00. Is her list within budget? If not, how much over budget is it?

Answer: Total \$13.55; the list is \$1.55 over budget.

4. Jennifer still wants the sketch pad, but she must revise her list to stay within \$12.00. Replace ONE of her other two items with a less expensive item. Give one valid revised list and total.

Answer: Answers vary. Example: sketch pad + colored pencils + ruler = \$11.00.

5. Scott has \$15.00. List A is a notebook, markers, and sketch pad. List B is glue sticks, folder set, pencil pouch, and ruler. Which list costs less? How much less?

Answer: List A = \$13.50. List B = \$11.85. List B costs \$1.65 less.

6. Paige has \$10.00. She wants to buy as many DIFFERENT items as possible. Can she buy four different items without going over budget? Find a combination or explain why not.

Answer: No. The four cheapest different items are ruler (\$1.65), glue sticks (\$2.40), notebook (\$3.25), and folder set (\$3.60), totaling \$10.90. She can buy at most three different items.

7. Donald has \$15.00 and must buy a notebook and a ruler. He also wants either markers OR a sketch pad. Which choice leaves him with more money? How much more?

Answer: Notebook + ruler + markers = \$9.65, leaving \$5.35. Notebook + ruler + sketch pad = \$10.40, leaving \$4.60. Choosing markers leaves \$0.75 more.

8. Your turn: You have \$15.00. Build a shopping list with at least three different items. Spend at least \$10.00 but do not go over \$15.00. List the items, total cost, and money left.

Answer: Answers vary. The list must contain at least three different items, total between \$10.00 and \$15.00 inclusive, with the remaining money calculated correctly.