

Kid Scoop

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Thrifty & Fritter Budgeting for the Holidays

Fritter, we're NOT going to go totally crazy during holiday shopping. We need to ...

Oh, Thrifty! Just LOOK at all the sparkly lights and decorations!

WAHOOOO!!! I'm gonna get THIS and THAT and THOSE and THESE and ...

Fritter, you really need a BUDGET!

Okay, but can you carry the budget? My arms are full!

A budget is a plan that helps you to spend only the amount of money you can afford.

Shopping On A Budget

Look at the things Jodi would like to buy for her family. She has \$50 budgeted for her holiday shopping. Make a list of the things she could buy on her budget.

INCOME	
Allowance	\$15
Shovel Snow	\$20
Run Errands for Elves	\$15
TOTAL:	

EXPENSES	
Carrot Sticks	\$10
Flying Lessons	\$12
Reindeer Games Entry Fee	\$10
TOTAL:	

How much money does Thrifty have left over each month?

THINK ABOUT IT: What could Thrifty do to save more money each month?

Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve real-world problems involving computations with dollars and cents.

How many silly things can you find at this holiday party?

Extra! Extra! Holiday Party Time!

Thrifty and Fritter are planning a holiday bash for family and friends. They have budgeted \$500 for the party!

They will need food, decorations and gifts. These are called **goods**.

They also need entertainment and perhaps folks to help set up and clean up. These are called **services**.

Look through today's newspaper and help Thrifty and Fritter find what they need. Stay within their \$500 budget!

GOODS:	SERVICES:

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the differences between goods and services.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Who bought what? An ice cream cone costs \$1.50. A comic book is \$1.65. A deck of cards is \$1.10. Count each person's money to see what they bought.

Deb Vanessa Theresa

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Problem solving using money.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

THRIFTY
SPARKLY
SMART
BUDGET
HOLIDAY
SAVE
PARTY
COMIC
SALE
MONEY
SPEND
GIFTS
COUNT
TIME
PLAN

T	S	Y	E	N	O	M	M	A	S
R	E	T	A	S	D	N	E	P	S
S	H	G	T	D	S	M	A	R	T
O	P	F	D	A	I	R	P	E	R
C	I	F	V	U	K	L	S	U	Y
G	I	E	E	L	B	S	O	T	E
A	B	M	Y	T	F	I	R	H	T
U	I	D	O	E	L	A	S	G	E
T	N	U	O	C	P	L	A	N	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

New and Used

Find five new items for sale in the newspaper. Chart the items and their prices. Can you find similar used items for sale? What is the difference in price? What are the advantages and disadvantages of buying new versus used?

Standards Link: Economics: Students demonstrate basic economic reasoning in terms of how individual economic choices involve trade-offs and the evaluation of costs and benefits.

What stays in bed most of the day but sometimes goes to the bank?

ANSWER: A river.

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