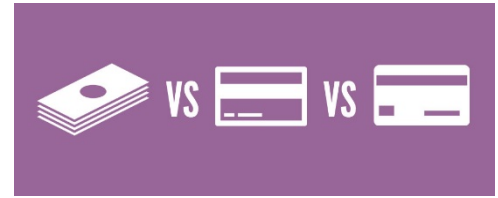


Chapter 17: Personal Finance

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Managing money is an important concept for all students to learn about. Often, students are confused about what financial terms and concepts mean. In this lesson, you will use videos and websites to learn about budgeting, the concept of credit, and the differences between paying with credit cards and debit cards.



Part 1: Budgeting

Directions: Watch the video “It’s a Money Thing // Budgeting Basics” (<http://bit.ly/budget07>), read the accompanying website (<http://bit.ly/budget07a>), then answer the questions below.

1) What is the purpose of a budget? _____

2) What does it mean to “prepare for emergencies” and why is it important? _____

3) Which is true about income and expenses?

- a. Income is money you borrow, while expenses are money you spend.
- b. Income is money you spend, while expenses are money you earn.
- c. Income is money you don’t have, while expenses are money you borrow.
- d. Income is money you earn, while expenses are money you spend.

4) Choose one of the “sneaky expenses” from the website that is a problem for you. Explain your plan for avoiding spending too much money on it.

Part 2: Credit vs. Debit

Directions: Watch the video “It’s a Money Thing // Comparing Cards” (<http://bit.ly/creddeb07>), read the accompanying website (<http://bit.ly/creddeb07a>), then answer the questions below.

5) Which card takes money directly from a checking account?

- a. Debit card
- b. Credit card
- c. Both cards

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- 6) What happens when you make purchases on a credit card and don't pay for all of them (carry a balance)?

- 7) What is a prepaid debit card and how is it different from a regular debit card?

- 8) When you have a job, which type of card will you use more – credit or debit? Explain how you will use it responsibly.

Part 3: Play an Online Game

Directions: Play the game Celebrity Calamity (<http://bit.ly/celebgame>) where you try to earn and manage your money as a celebrity. If you have time to complete at least three months of the game, write your celebrity name and final balance of cash.

Follow your teacher's instructions for signing in or downloading on a mobile device.

Celebrity Name _____

Final cash balance (top-right corner) _____

