

# **It's All About the Budget Activity**

## **What Do Students Spend?**

Answer the following questions in the space provided based on the typical habits or actions of you and your friends.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ How often do you eat at a fast food place like McDonald's in a week?
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ How often do you go to the movies/a high school sporting event in a week?
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ How much do you pay for a monthly streaming service? (Like Spotify, Netflix, Hulu, Pandora, etc.)
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ How many times do you buy gas for yourself or someone's car in a week?
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ How much do you typically spend on a birthday gift for a friend?
- F. \_\_\_\_\_ How much do you typically spend on a new outfit?

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## What a Difference a Week Makes!

A few minutes ago you noted the typical spending habits of you and your friends. You are now going to take a look at what kind of impact your spending may potentially have on your future.

If you start your week with \$130 in your pocket and spend based on your answers for typical spending, how much money would you have at the end of the week?

Put your answers from the spending worksheet into the table below and complete the table to determine how much money you would have at the end of the week.

<b>Items or Actions</b>	<b>Your Answer</b>	<b>Items average costs</b>	<b>Your Answer x average costs</b>	<b>Amount of \$ in Pocket</b>
-	-	Starting balance – money in your pocket	-	\$130
A.		\$8 per fast food meal		
B.		\$20 per movie/school event (includes ticket, popcorn and a drink)		
C.		You have to pay your monthly streaming service bill this week		
D.		\$20 for gas		
E.		You buy one friend a birthday gift this week		
F.		You have a big party to attend. You buy an outfit to make sure you look good.		
-	-	Money left in your pocket at the end of the week	-	

## **It's All About the Budget Discussion Questions**

**Answer the following questions. Share your answers with the other people at your table:**

1. Did you end up with the amount of money that you expected? Was this a surprise for you? Why or why not?

2. Based on your results, what advice would you give to teenagers about spending money?

3. If a student wants to save money for college, what actions could they take to make sure they have money left to save at the end of the week?