

 BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

# Comparing video game subscriptions

When you're ready to buy something, researching more than one option and comparing features and costs can help you make the best choice for you.

## Instructions

- 1 Read "Valerie's video games."
- 2 Review the subscription options and use the information to complete the "Comparing the costs" section.
- 3 Use your answers in the "Comparing the costs" section to answer the "What can Valerie afford?" questions.
- 4 Answer the reflection questions.

## Valerie's video games

Valerie loves video games. She really wants to subscribe to a video game subscription service. She's worked hard for the past six months to save all the money she earned and received as gifts. She has \$45 saved. Valerie researched the companies that offer subscriptions and picked the one that has her favorite games. Now she has to decide which level to buy.

**Note:** The prices shown are examples. Actual prices may be higher or lower.

## Level up!

### Subscribe to our video games!

- ★ **Bronze - \$10 each month**
  - Save progress for one month
  - Use on one device
  - New games available three months after release
- ★ **Silver - \$25 every three months**
  - Save progress for three months
  - Use on up to three devices
  - New games available one month after release
- ★ **Gold - \$50 for one year**
  - Save progress for one year
  - Use on any number of devices
  - Instant access to new games



## Comparing the costs

1. How much does each level cost **per month**?

★ Bronze	\$10 (each month)	
★ Silver	\$25 ÷ 3 (months)	
★ Gold	\$50 ÷ 12 (months in a year)	

2. How much does each level cost **per three-month period**?

★ Bronze	\$10 x 3 (months)	
★ Silver	\$25 (each three-month period)	
★ Gold	\$50 ÷ 4 (three-month periods in a year)	

3. How much does each level cost **per year**?

★ Bronze	\$10 x 12 (months in a year)	
★ Silver	\$25 x 4 (three-month periods in a year)	
★ Gold	\$50 (annually)	

## What can Valerie afford?

If Valerie uses all the money she saved ...

4. Can she afford the Bronze level?  Yes  No

How many months could she get? \_\_\_\_\_

What's one benefit and one drawback of the Bronze level?

5. Can she afford the Silver level?  Yes  No

How many three-month periods could she get? \_\_\_\_\_

What's one benefit and one drawback of the Silver level?

6. Can she afford the Gold level?  Yes  No

If not, what would be one advantage of waiting until she has enough money to pay for this level?

What's one benefit and one drawback of the Gold level?

## Reflection questions

1. Which level should Valerie choose?  Bronze  Silver  Gold  
Why?

2. Do you think Valerie should spend all the money she saved on a video game subscription?  Yes  No  
Why or why not?