

 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

# Getting a credit card and using it wisely

Have you ever needed to make a purchase but didn't have all of the money at that exact moment? Some people will use a credit card in these situations. Others will wait and save up for the purchase. It's important to learn about credit cards and their terms before applying for one.

## Instructions

- 1 Go to the "Using credit" webpage on the consumer.gov website at <https://www.consumer.gov/articles/1010-using-credit>.
- 2 Answer the questions on this worksheet using the information from the webpage's "What it is" and "What to know" tabs.
- 3 Answer the reflection questions.

## Using credit: What it is

Visit <https://www.consumer.gov/articles/1010-using-credit#!what-it-is> to answer the questions below.

1. If you get a credit card, why is it important to look for one that has a low interest rate?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who offers people credit cards?



## Using credit: What to know

Visit <https://www.consumer.gov/articles/1010-using-credit#!what-to-know> to answer the questions below.

3. In your own words, explain how a credit card works.
4. Why might someone want or need a secured credit card?
5. Why is it a good idea to pay your entire credit card bill each month?

## Reflection questions

1. Once you have a credit card of your own, what types of things might you pay for with it? Explain your choices.
2. Why would it be important to carefully keep track of how much you charge on your credit card?