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 **BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET**

Using a budget to shop for a party

Planning and budgeting are important skills that will help you manage your money.

A party with friends

Imagine that you and three friends are planning a party. They put you in charge of getting the food. You have \$25 to spend. You need to make sure you get enough food for everyone.

1. Review the foods in the table below and choose what you want to buy. The costs shown will cover enough of each food for everyone.
2. Write the cost of each food you chose in the "Your choice" column.
3. Add up your choices. If you go over your \$25 budget, go back and select different foods.



Food for the party	Cost*	Your choice
 Green salad	\$7	
 Potato salad	\$5	
 Celery and carrot sticks	\$4	
 Hamburgers and buns (meat or vegetarian)	\$12	
 Hot dogs and buns (meat or vegetarian)	\$8	
 Watermelon	\$6	
 Oranges	\$3	
 Pears	\$4	
 Cupcakes	\$5	
 Cookies	\$4	
 Lemonade	\$2	
 Ice water (from home)	\$0	
Total		

*The prices are for the purposes of this activity. Actual prices may be higher or lower.

Reflection questions

1. How did you decide what to buy for the party?
2. Was it easy or hard to stay in your \$25 budget? Why?
3. Do you think a budget can help you manage your money? Why or why not?