

Making Choices









How will you invest your resources?

If you had a "15-candy budget" to spend every month how would you spend it? What would your priorities be?

Place the required number of candies to indicate your spending choices.

You have to make a choice for each category (you can't skip any categories).

You are married; you both work and have a son, 14 and a daughter, 9.

| Category | A (1 Candy) | B (2 Candies) | C (3 Candies) |
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|  Housing | Studio apartment (1 bedroom), 1 bath, unfurnished, no patio/deck/yard, street parking only (no covered parking space), stove only. | 3 bedroom 1 bath apartment, unfurnished, covered patio, 1 covered parking space, stove and refrigerator | 2 bedroom 1 ½ bath house, unfurnished, small fenced yard, 2-car garage, stove, refrigerator and dishwasher |
|  Healthcare | No health insurance, you pay for all health related costs | Health insurance for you through your employer but no health insurance for your family members | Health insurance for you and your family through your employer |
|  Food (per person) | 1 meal a day | 2 meals a day | 3 meals a day+ snacks |
|  Transportation | Walk or bike everywhere, no public transit available | Walk, bike or take public transit | Own your own car |
|  Technology access | Cell phone only | Cell phone and TV | Home computer, TV and cell phone |
|  Laundry facilities | Laundromat | Shared laundry room in apartment complex | Own washer/dryer, in your home |
|  Shopping | 1 grocery store within walking distance, no mall within 20 miles | Grocery store across the street from your home and a mini-mall within a mile | 2 grocery stores nearby and a large mall within walking distance |
|  Spending money | After the bills/food are paid no extra money left | \$20 left over each week after all bills are paid | \$50 left over each week after all bills are paid |

