

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)
 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	No computer No cell phone or streaming services Black & White TV - No cable	No computer Cell phone TV - No cable or streaming services	Home computer TV with cable or streaming service(s) 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

