

Welcome to Teen Room Upgrade

Becoming a teenager is exciting and so is getting something new for your room! In this module, the students get to decide what item they will add to their room as an upgrade; while focusing on the 'things' that are sometime forgotten when making a purchase, such as budget planning, money savings, loans, and interest. All while learning about hidden costs that sometimes surprise us like shipping, currency exchange, and customs.

With the support of the Ontario Ministry of Education, students in grades 3-8 are gaining transferable skills in financial literacy by participating in the newly developed JA Money Matters modules. This opportunity helps prepare youth for financially healthy futures. Success starts here.

Vocabulary



As you complete the module, you will see several new vocabulary words. Use this space to take notes as you learn what they mean.

Vocabulary	Notes
Annual Fees	
Shipping	
Customs/Duty	
Import	
Taxes	
Currency Exchange	



Activity 1 - Brainstorm Items for Upgrade



Let's brainstorm! In a small group, create a list below of ideas of what you could purchase or change about your room.

Now, select one (1) item from the list below for your room.

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This summer you became a BIG fan of baseball. You want to theme your room to your new favourite sport by purchasing a new blanket with matching pillows and a wall hanging. (Of course, you can pick a different sport or theme if baseball isn't your thing.)

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Your bedroom has been painted the same colour for as long as you can remember. The choices for your upgrade includes new paint or another wall covering (i.e., wallpaper)! Any colour or pattern you want. You should also plan to add a new lamp/light with your new coloured bedroom.

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Relaxing and reading in your room is one of your favourite things to do. This selection includes the creation of your very own reading room corner. Maybe you add a comfortable chair, extra pillows, or a covered canopy.

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Your room is lacking in storage – you want to add a new storage unit and/or shelves for your books, games, and other collectables. This option also has adding new hooks or wall decorations.



Activity 2 - Pricing the Product



Research to find places you can purchase your room upgrade and how much it will cost.

Find your product in at least 5 different places where you can make your purchase.

Item	Vendor & short description of the item (colour, why you like it, size etc.)	Website URL	Price
	1.		\$
	2.		\$
	3.		\$
	4.		\$
	5.		\$



Now that you have identified your item and priced it out, how will you pay for your item?

What different methods of payment you could use? Is one better than the other?

Activity 3 - Comparing Credit Card Incentives



When we discuss credit cards, we often hear the words “Annual Fees” What do you think this is?



Credit card companies often offer rewards, or points, if you use their payment method. Take a moment to read through the 3 scenarios below.

Option 1: CANDY CARD

Candy Card is a credit card that has no annual fees. Each time you make a purchase using this card, you receive points (10 points for each \$1 spent). These points can be redeemed at an online candy store. The online candy store is a bit more expensive than purchasing in person and you must pay for shipping.

Option 2: LIQUID SILVER

Liquid Silver is considered a prestige credit card with an annual fee of \$200. When you make purchases using this card, the credit card company rewards you with cash back on your card (spend \$10 receive \$1 in 'cash back'). This cash back can be used on a purchase anywhere.

Option 3: ZOOM ZOOM

The Zoom Zoom credit card has an annual fee of \$50. When you use the Zoom Zoom card, you receive Zoom Dollars that can be spent at the online zoom store (\$0.50 in Zoom Dollars for every dollar spent on the card). The Zoom Zoom credit card company has made partnerships with brand name companies that sell items at a discount (cheaper than if you would purchase them in store). There are no shipping fees when you buy from the online store, but your Zoom Dollars expire after 6 months if you do not spend them.

Use the chart below to compare the fees, rewards and incentives. Then decide what card is the best choice for you by completing the advantages and disadvantages. Use the notes section to give some reasons for your choice.

	Candy Card	Liquid Silver	Zoom Zoom
Annual Fees			
Rewards			
Incentives			
Advantages			
Disadvantages			
Notes			
Your Choice			



Activity 4 - Hidden Costs



Wow there can be a lot of hidden or surprising extra costs!

Take some time to think about where you are purchasing your item, and if there are any hidden costs. Complete the charts below for each vendor/item you selected to help you determine the purchase price of your item.

	Vendor/Item 1. _____	Is this hidden cost applicable? Notes:	Price/Amount
Hidden Costs	Price of Item		\$
	Shipping		\$
	Customs or Duty		\$
	Other:		\$
Sub Total = Price of Item + All Hidden Costs			\$
Tax HST (15%) = Sub Total x 0.15			\$
Total = Sub Total + Tax			\$
Currency Exchange: Is the currency Canadian Dollars or something else?			



	Vendor/Item 2. _____	Is this hidden cost applicable? Notes:	Price/Amount
Hidden Costs	Price of Item		\$
	Shipping		\$
	Customs or Duty		\$
	Other:		\$
	Sub Total = Price of Item + All Hidden Costs		\$
	Tax HST (15%) = Sub Total x 0.15		\$
	Total = Sub Total + Tax		\$
	Currency Exchange: Is the currency Canadian Dollars or something else?		

	Vendor/Item 3. _____	Is this hidden cost applicable? Notes:	Price/Amount
Hidden Costs	Price of Item		\$
	Shipping		\$
	Customs or Duty		\$
	Other:		\$
	Sub Total = Price of Item + All Hidden Costs		\$
	Tax HST (15%) = Sub Total x 0.15		\$
	Total = Sub Total + Tax		\$
	Currency Exchange: Is the currency Canadian Dollars or something else?		



	Vendor/Item 4. _____	Is this hidden cost applicable? Notes:	Price/Amount
Hidden Costs	Price of Item		\$
	Shipping		\$
	Customs or Duty		\$
	Other:		\$
	Sub Total = Price of Item + All Hidden Costs		\$
	Tax HST (15%) = Sub Total x 0.15		\$
	Total = Sub Total + Tax		\$
	Currency Exchange: Is the currency Canadian Dollars or something else?		

	Vendor/Item 5. _____	Is this hidden cost applicable? Notes:	Price/Amount
Hidden Costs	Price of Item		\$
	Shipping		\$
	Customs or Duty		\$
	Other:		\$
	Sub Total = Price of Item + All Hidden Costs		\$
	Tax HST (15%) = Sub Total x 0.15		\$
	Total = Sub Total + Tax		\$
	Currency Exchange: Is the currency Canadian Dollars or something else?		



Now that you have carefully considered the different options, decide which option from the list of 5 you will purchase.

Your selection? 1 2 3 4 5	
Your reason(s) for selecting this option.	

What Did I Learn?



Individually or as a class, reflect on the following:

Identify 1-2 important take-aways you learned from this module.	
Are you able to better determine the quality of an item? How?	
What surprised you the most about pricing the item you wanted to purchase?	
Do you think this process will help you when you want to purchase something new in the future?	





Below you'll find the vocabulary words and definitions from the program.

Vocabulary	Notes
Annual Fees	Annual fees are a cost that your credit card provider automatically charges to your account to allow you to keep the card account open and active to use.
Shipping	A charge added to an item to assist in the costs associated with transporting the product.
Customs/Duty	A charge added to an item for importing into the country.
Import	To bring goods or material from a foreign country for trade or sale.
Taxes	A charge or fee (usually money) added to goods and services to contribute to public purposes (e.g., improving roads). Taxes could be applied to the price of your product and all the hidden costs.
Currency Exchange	When you purchase items from different countries, the item may be in the home country's currency. When shopping, be sure to watch for the currency type. For example, if an item is priced in the United States, the price will say \$0.00 USD and in Canada it would say \$0.00 CAD.

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