



rework a budget

directions

Use one of the attached budget sheets to set up and maintain Gabrielle's budget. Then, use the other sheet to rework Gabrielle's budget into one that fits your personal lifestyle.

her planned income and expenses

Gabrielle works part-time at a greeting card company and part-time at a record store. The net monthly income from her first job is \$600. The net monthly income from her second job is \$800.

Her planned fixed monthly expenses include:

- \$200 for rent (she shares an apartment with two friends)
- \$175 for car payment
- \$220 for car insurance

Her planned flexible expenses include:

- \$100 (to save for going to trade school)
- \$150 for food
- \$40 for gas and oil
- \$50 for clothes
- \$60 for entertainment
- \$30 for personal items

how her month actually went

1. What she made:

- Gabrielle made \$45 in overtime pay this month

2. What she spent on fixed, regular expenses:

- Rent went up to \$225, starting this month
- Her monthly car payment was \$175
- Her monthly car insurance premium, as of this month, went up to \$295

3. What her flexible expenses actually were:

- \$190 for food (she had a dinner party for which she hadn't budgeted)
- \$60 for gas and oil (her car needed an oil change)
- \$34 for parking and bridge tolls
- \$220 for car repairs
- \$80 for a new pair of running shoes
- \$70 for entertainment
- \$60 for personal items
- \$36 for a birthday present for her mother

4. Her unexpected expenses:

- Gabrielle got two speeding tickets in one week. The total cost of both tickets is \$230.

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how does her budget look now?

- 1.** What is the difference between Gabrielle's planned expenses and her actual expenses?
- 2.** In what areas did she overspend?
- 3.** In what areas did she spend less than she planned?
- 4.** How much did she spend for the use of her car this month?
- 5.** How much money did she have at the end of the month to put into savings?

if it were your budget...

- 1.** Using the attached budget sheet, set up a budget for yourself. Use Gabrielle's income as a starting point. Keep in mind your personal financial goals.
- 2.** What did you change about the budget?
- 3.** How much would you save each month to put toward your personal and financial goals?

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Gabrielle's budget

income	budget	actual	difference
Job #1	\$	\$	\$
Job #2	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
total monthly income	\$	\$	\$
expenses	budget	actual	difference
fixed regular expenses			
Rent	\$	\$	\$
Car insurance	\$	\$	\$
Car payment	\$	\$	\$
Job #1	\$	\$	\$
fixed irregular expenses			
Savings	\$	\$	\$
Food	\$	\$	\$
Utilities	\$	\$	\$
transportation			
Bus fare	\$	\$	\$
Gas and oil	\$	\$	\$
Parking and tolls	\$	\$	\$
Repairs	\$	\$	\$
other			
Medical expenses	\$	\$	\$
Clothing	\$	\$	\$
Entertainment	\$	\$	\$
Household items	\$	\$	\$
Personal items	\$	\$	\$
Tuition	\$	\$	\$
School expenses	\$	\$	\$
total monthly expenses	\$	\$	\$

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if it were your budget

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Clothing	\$	\$	\$
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Personal items	\$	\$	\$
Tuition	\$	\$	\$
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total monthly expenses	\$	\$	\$



lesson three quiz: the art of budgeting

true-false

1. ____ The budgeting process starts with monitoring current spending.
2. ____ Most short-term goals are based on activities over the next two or three years.
3. ____ A common long-term goal may involve saving for college for parents of a newborn child.
4. ____ Rent is considered a fixed expense.
5. ____ Flexible expenses stay about the same each month.

multiple choice

6. ____ The final phase of the budgeting process is to:
 - A. set personal and financial goals.
 - B. compare your budget to what you have actually spent.
 - C. review financial progress.
 - D. monitor current spending patterns.
7. ____ An example of a long-term goal would be:
 - A. an annual vacation.
 - B. saving for retirement.
 - C. buying a used car.
 - D. completing college within the next six months.
8. ____ A clearly written financial goal would be:
 - A. "To save money for college for the next five years"
 - B. "To pay off credit card bills in 12 months"
 - C. "To invest in an international mutual fund for retirement"
 - D. "To establish an emergency fund of \$4,000 in 18 months"
9. ____ An example of a fixed expense is:
 - A. clothing.
 - B. auto insurance.
 - C. an electric bill.
 - D. educational expenses.
10. ____ _____ is commonly considered a flexible expense.
 - A. Rent
 - B. A mortgage payment
 - C. Home insurance
 - D. Entertainment

case application

Each month Mary and Brad Johnson have lengthy discussions about their household spending. They do not understand why they are continually short of money even though they both have good salaries. What actions might be taken to avoid personal and financial difficulties?