Budget Shift

Track how new costs and income changes reshape a spending plan.

SS.8.FL.2.5 "Discuss the fact that people may revise their budget based on unplanned expenses and changes in income."

NAME ______________________ DATE ______________

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each unplanned expense or income change, and circle the budget decision Jordan makes in response.

Jordan Revises a Plan

1 Jordan uses a monthly budget to plan how to use money from a weekend grocery job. Each month, Jordan lists expected income, savings, bus fare, phone service, school lunches, and fun money. The plan helps Jordan decide whether purchases fit before spending begins. A budget is not a promise that every amount will stay the same. It is a plan that can change when real life changes. Jordan checks the plan at the start of each week.

2 In the second week, Jordan's bicycle tire is damaged by a nail. A repair shop charges $32 for a new tube and labor. This cost was not in the original budget, so it is an unplanned expense. Jordan needs the bicycle to get to work. Instead of ignoring the bill, Jordan moves $20 from fun money and $12 from savings to pay for the repair. Jordan records the new amounts in the budget that evening.

3 Later that month, the store reduces Jordan's work hours because deliveries are slow. Jordan's next paycheck will be $40 less than expected. Jordan revises the budget again by postponing a planned movie, cutting the restaurant amount, and reducing the savings deposit for one month. Jordan does not stop paying for bus fare or phone service, which are regular needs. By comparing new income and new costs with the old plan, Jordan makes choices before running out of money.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why is the bicycle repair an unplanned expense?

2. Which two budget categories did Jordan change to pay for the bicycle repair? Include the amount from each category.

3. What caused Jordan's next paycheck to be lower, and how much lower will it be?

4. Why did Jordan keep paying for bus fare and phone service after income decreased?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create two short budget-revision situations. In one row, show an unplanned expense. In the other row, show a change in income. For each, name a budget category you would change and explain why.

SITUATION	WHAT CHANGED?	BUDGET REVISION AND REASON

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each unplanned expense or income change, and circle the budget decision Jordan makes in response. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is the bicycle repair an unplanned expense?	**The $32 repair was not included in Jordan's original budget.**
2	Which two budget categories did Jordan change to pay for the bicycle repair? Include the amount from each category.	**Jordan moved $20 from fun money and $12 from savings.**
3	What caused Jordan's next paycheck to be lower, and how much lower will it be?	**The store reduced Jordan's work hours because deliveries were slow, so the paycheck will be $40 lower.**
4	Why did Jordan keep paying for bus fare and phone service after income decreased?	**Jordan considered bus fare and phone service regular needs and changed less necessary spending instead.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

SITUATION	WHAT CHANGED?	BUDGET REVISION AND REASON
Unplanned expense	A ride to practice costs $8 after a bus route closes.	I will lower my snack budget by $8 because I need transportation.
Income change	I earn $25 less because a babysitting shift is canceled.	I will delay buying headphones and put $25 less into savings this week.

Accept equivalent explanations that identify a realistic unexpected cost or income change and a specific, workable budget revision. In the open response, each row should connect the financial change to a reasoned adjustment.