

Saving With Purpose

Read how saving goals reflect future needs and personal priorities.

SS.8.FL.3.7 "Discuss the different reasons that people save money, including large purchases (such as higher education, autos, and homes), retirement, and unexpected events..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the six word groups that begin with "saves to" and end at the next period. Number them 1 through 6 to identify specific savings goals and compare why people save.

Choices for the Future

- ① People save money because future needs can cost more than today's cash on hand. A savings goal gives money a purpose and a time frame. Jordan plans ahead: he saves to pay for community college classes after high school. Paying some education costs from savings can reduce the amount he must borrow. His cousin Nia saves to buy a used car so she can travel to work. Both goals are large purchases, but their reasons and deadlines differ.
- ② Other goals protect people from costs that are hard to predict. Devon keeps an emergency fund and saves to cover an unexpected medical bill or car repair. This money is not for a planned purchase. Later in life, workers may no longer receive a paycheck. Rosa saves to have income during retirement, when she expects to work less or stop working. Emergency savings and retirement savings both prepare for the future, yet one responds to surprise costs and the other supports years without regular wages.
- ③ Tastes and preferences shape choices about how much to save and what to save for. Malik enjoys cooking at home and wants his own place. He saves to make a down payment on a home, choosing a larger monthly amount because this goal matters most to him. Ava prefers to spend more on concerts now. She saves to take a summer trip, so she sets aside a smaller amount for a shorter-term goal. Neither choice fits everyone. Each person weighs present spending against personal priorities and future plans.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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How do Jordan’s and Nia’s savings goals show two different reasons for saving?

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How is Devon’s emergency savings purpose different from Rosa’s retirement savings purpose?

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What preference leads Malik to save a larger monthly amount, and what does he save for?

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How does Ava’s preference for concerts affect both her present spending and her savings choice?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a savings plan for one imaginary person. Include one large purchase goal, one retirement goal, and one unexpected-event goal, and explain how a personal preference affects the amount saved for each.

SAVINGS CATEGORY	SPECIFIC SAVINGS GOAL	HOW A PREFERENCE AFFECTS THE AMOUNT SAVED

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the six word groups that begin with “saves to” and end at the next period. Number them 1 through 6 to identify specific savings goals and compare why people save. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Jordan’s and Nia’s savings goals show two different reasons for saving?	Jordan saves for community college classes, while Nia saves for a used car to travel to work.
2	How is Devon’s emergency savings purpose different from Rosa’s retirement savings purpose?	Devon’s savings covers an unexpected medical bill or car repair. Rosa’s savings provides income when she works less or stops working.
3	What preference leads Malik to save a larger monthly amount, and what does he save for?	Malik wants his own place, and a home matters most to him. He saves for a down payment on a home.
4	How does Ava’s preference for concerts affect both her present spending and her savings choice?	Ava spends more on concerts now. She saves a smaller amount for a shorter-term goal, a summer trip.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

SAVINGS CATEGORY	SPECIFIC SAVINGS GOAL	HOW A PREFERENCE AFFECTS THE AMOUNT SAVED
Large purchase	Used laptop for digital art	She values drawing, so she saves \$35 each month for it.
Retirement	Income after she stops working	Independence matters to her, so she saves \$20 each month.
Unexpected event	Emergency fund for a vet bill	Her pet is important to her, so she saves \$10 each month.

The marking job should produce six groups beginning with “saves to.” Accept equivalent explanations in Questions 1 through 4 when they accurately connect a goal or savings amount to the person’s reason or preference.