Save for Choices

Read how saving can help people plan and handle costs.

SS6E13.c "Understand the reasons and benefits of saving."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two reasons people save, and circle two benefits that saving can provide. Number the steps in the saving plan from 1 to 3.

Money Set Aside

1 Saving means setting aside some money instead of spending all of it now. In Australia, a student might save part of gift money or earnings from a job. A family might save a little from each pay to prepare for planned costs. People save for different goals, such as a school camp, a bicycle, or a future course. A clear goal helps a saver decide how much money to put aside and how long it may take to reach that goal.

2 Saving can also help when an unexpected expense appears. For example, a pet may need veterinary care, or a household appliance may stop working. Money already saved can help a person pay for part or all of the cost without needing to borrow as much. Borrowing can add interest, which is extra money paid to use someone else's money. Savings can give people more choices because they can handle a problem or opportunity with money they have planned ahead.

3 A saving plan can make a large goal feel manageable. First, list the goal and its cost. Next, choose a regular amount to save, such as $5 each week, and keep track of deposits. A safe place, such as a savings account, can separate savings from spending money. Some savings accounts may pay interest, so the balance can grow. However, savers should compare account rules and fees. Saving regularly builds a habit of planning before spending and can reduce stress about future costs.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name one planned goal from the passage. How does having a clear goal help a saver?

2. How can savings help when an unexpected expense occurs?

3. Why can borrowing make a cost larger?

4. What are the first three steps in the saving plan?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write 3 or 4 sentences describing your own saving plan for something you want or need. Include the goal, its cost, how much you will save each week, how long it will take, and one benefit of saving for it.

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two reasons people save, and circle two benefits that saving can provide. Number the steps in the saving plan from 1 to 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name one planned goal from the passage. How does having a clear goal help a saver?	**Answers may name a school camp, bicycle, or future course. A clear goal helps the saver decide how much to save and how long it may take.**
2	How can savings help when an unexpected expense occurs?	**Savings can pay for part or all of the cost, so the person may not need to borrow as much.**
3	Why can borrowing make a cost larger?	**Borrowing can add interest, which is extra money paid to use someone else's money.**
4	What are the first three steps in the saving plan?	**List the goal and its cost, choose a regular amount to save, and keep track of deposits.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I want to save $48 for a school camp activity. I will save $6 each week, so I will reach my goal in 8 weeks. Saving this money will help me pay without borrowing. It will also help me plan before I spend my money on smaller things.

Accept any realistic saving plan that includes a goal, total cost, regular saving amount, accurate time needed, and a valid benefit. Students may describe planned spending, unexpected costs, reduced borrowing, increased choices, or preparation for future expenses.