

Name _____

Spending Strategy Answer Key

Many answers are possible if budgets are followed. Sample correct answers:

1. Iced peach tea and baked mac and cheese. Total 9 dollars.
2. Veggie burrito and chocolate chip bar. Total 10 dollars.
3. Steamed green beans and chocolate chip bar. Total 6 dollars.
4. Sparkling lemon water, baked mac and cheese, steamed green beans.
Total 11 dollars.
5. Two baked mac and cheese meals and one soft pretzel. Total 16 dollars.
6. Three veggie burritos and one chocolate chip bar. Total 24 dollars.
7. Sparkling lemon water, baked mac and cheese, steamed green beans.
Total 11 dollars.

Teacher's Guide

- This activity strengthens **menu comprehension**, **budget management**, and **multi step reasoning**.
- For differentiation, allow calculators or provide a price tracking table for students who need support.
- For engagement, let students defend their choices by explaining how they stayed under budget.
- For extension, challenge students to rewrite one budget task with a stricter limit and test a partner.