



Module 2

Session 3 M2SC3



Stretch Challenge: Budgeting

For the next week, keep a record of every payment or transaction that you or a Parent/Guardian make. This can be done digitally or physically.

Looking back on one week of spending, separate your purchases into which items did you “Need” to buy and which items did you “Want” to buy using the table below.

Needs	Wants

Keeping Track of Monthly Costs

To find a rough monthly cost of the outgoings that you have recorded, multiply your weekly costs by four.

Now reflect on the following questions:

- What do you spend the most money on?

- What was the most surprising cost in your budget?

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Unforeseen Costs

As well as helping us to keep track of spending, budgeting can also help us to manage any unexpected events.

How would you adapt your budget in these scenarios:

- Your gas and electricity bill of £250 per month has increased by 15% but your pay has only increased by 5%

What is the new cost of your gas and electricity bill?

What action would you take to manage the increase?

- Your rent or mortgage bill of £1,200 per month has increased by 5% but your pay has only increased by 2%

What is the new cost of your rent/mortgage?

What action would you take to manage the increase?

Unforeseen Costs

- You have had a surprise pay rise of £150 extra per month. How would you best use this extra money in your budget?

