

GED Lesson PLAN 2002

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ACTIVITY TITLE: Estimate, Round and Align Decimals

INTRODUCTION: Each time we make a trip to the grocery store we should have a list of items needed and an estimated cost, so we know about how much money we will be spending. Talk about the importance of a budget and not over spending.

ACTIVITY: Have students make a list of items to buy at the local grocery store for 1 meal, a week or a month. Once the list is made, have the students estimate the cost of each item they will be purchasing. Put this list and estimation in a chart format on the computer or on a graph they create. Go to the local store as a class or homework assignment and have class price these items and list in another column on their graph creation. After the real price has been charted, have the class estimate the real price of the items to get a better understanding of estimation. Point out that the first estimation was more of a guess, but once they saw the actual price they could make a better estimation. This lesson also gives you a chance to round to the nearest cent, or dollar and to learn the importance of aligning decimals.

CONCLUSION: Have students talk about the importance of knowing how to estimate, round numbers and align decimal points. You may want to have the students organize this chart from least expensive to the most expensive item.

**FOLLOW-UP
ACTIVITY:** You may want to have the class do some comparison shopping of the same items to get a chance to learn the importance of wise buying habits. You could also give them a specific amount of money to work with and see what items on the list may have to be taken out.