

Buying a Car

Name _____

1. If you could have any car you wanted, what would it be?
2. How much do you think that car costs?
3. How much do you think a monthly payment would be for that car?
4. How much do you think insurance would cost on the car?
5. How much do you think monthly gas costs would be for the car?

Choose 2 cars you wish you could have and list them below. One if you could have anything you wanted, the other a realistic choice.

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

Research and compare! Look up your top choices at www.kbb.com and do a side-by-side comparison, on both. (open a browser, go to the Kelly Blue Book website, under New Car Pricing, Quick Links, click on Compare New Cars, enter your zip code and click continue, under side-by-side comparison, enter information for your top choices).

What is the MSRP for:

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

What is the Blue Book Value for:

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

Insurance! You MUST visit the website of your parent's insurance agent and get a quote for insurance for both of your top choices. Remember that male/female and age make a difference in rates! (Use age 22 since we are 'pretending' that we are already finished with college/technical school.) Obtain the quote with the following specifications:

- ~ YOU down as the primary driver of the car
- ~ You are 22 years of age
- ~ Standard coverage and deductible
- ~ You will be financing the car for four years
- ~ You may take: drivers education and multiple car discounts

What is the insurance cost for:

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

Financing! You MUST take a 48-month loan with the bank. Locate a bank of your choice and find out what the current interest rate is for a 48 month new car loan (Bankrate.com). Then go back to the “Calculators” tab and choose “Auto Payment Calculator” to calculate your monthly car payment.

Add 6.75% sales tax to the price of your car when calculating the monthly payment.

What is the monthly payment for:

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

Gas Costs! Determine your gas costs for the month. Based on driving the car 12,000 miles per year and the Miles Per Gallon rate you found on your comparison from KBB.com (use the *AVERAGE* of the city and highway rates you found).

What is the expected monthly gas costs for:

Car 1 –

Car 2 –

Directions: Please record your thoughts to the following questions. Be sure to adequately answer each area. One or two sentences is **NOT** adequate. Also, be sure to answer in complete thoughts. Any reasonable reader should be able to understand what you are trying to say.

- **What have you learned from completing this project?**
- **What really surprised you about this project?**
- **One thing you will remember 5 years from now is...**
- **What skills or knowledge from other subjects did you use in completing this project?**
- **What did you do well?**
- **What I found to be the most difficult was...**
- **How can I use the knowledge I learned from this project?**