



Buying Power



Badge Overview

Find out about the long-term impact of making a big purchase, like a new car, and understand how you need to be prepared to keep paying for your purchases long after you've started to use the items.

Badge Components

1. Compare costs and options

Begin thinking about purchasing a new car. With your family's permission, earn this step by doing online research to find your top three car options. Don't forget to consider factors such as costs, features, safety, and reliability.

2. Conduct consumer research

Earn this step by talking with your older family members about the cars they've had in their lifetime. What are the pros and cons of each vehicle? Would they have done anything differently? Do their stories make you want to change anything about your selections from Step 1?

3. Calculate the long-term costs

Earn this step by watching this [video](#) to learn more about the long-term costs of a car payment, as well as other costs associated with being a car owner. Then, with your family's permission, you can use online calculators as mentioned in the video to predict what your costs would be based on your location and car selection.

4. Investigate ways to find better deals

Think about what you see driving by car dealerships, what you see in commercials, or what you can find online. To earn this step, find a better deal for one of your car selections. Some things to consider are new vs. used, time of year, holiday sales, etc.

5. Create a savings plan for a big purchase you'd like to make

Earn this step by creating a plan you can present to your family about your final car selection. You can create a brochure, a PowerPoint, or use this [worksheet](#). Don't forget to include cost, must-have features, three positives, and three potential negatives.

Materials

- Access to internet
- Links attached below
- [Senior Buying Power Worksheet](#)

Florida Educational Standards

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