Task-Based Activities

QUILL Learning Network

Task Title: Purchase Furniture on a Budget

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Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will use a price list from a second-hand store to purchase furniture for a family room within a predetermined budget.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Interpret documents/A2.1
- Communicate Ideas and Information/Complete and create documents/B3.1a
- Understand and Use Numbers/Manage money/C1.2

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device
- Calculator or digital device with calculator function (optional)

Learner Information

Purchasing furniture can take a lot of time, planning, and money.

Read the “Scenario” and the “Furniture List” from a local second-hand store (2 pages).

Scenario

The Talbot family has a $2,000 budget to furnish their entire family room. They cannot spend more than this amount.

The family has two adults, two children, one dog, and one bird.

Furniture List

Category	Furniture Item						
Couch	$459.00	$425.00 3-piece set	$399.00	$485.00			
Chair	$42.00	$55.00	$97.00	$65.00	$36.00	$90.00	$88.00
Coffee and end tables	$165.00	$87.00 set	$129.00	$95.00	$189.00 3-piece set		
Television	$125.00	$257.00	$329.00	$350.00	$419.00		
Television stand	$58.00	$88.00	$49.00	$39.00	$67.00		
Bookshelf	$27.00	$32.00	$45.00	$86.00			
Floor lamp	All floor lamps are $67.00 each						

Table lamp	All table lamps are $45.00 each
Artwork	$67.00 set $29.00 $24.00 $67.00
Clock	$30.00 $36.00 $20.00 $49.00 $85.00
Bird cage	$65.00 $125.00 $79.00 $109.00
Dog bed	$115.00 $57.00 $27.00 $48.00 $139.00
Plants	All plants are $12.00 each

Work Sheet

Task 1: Without spending more than $2,000, choose at least one item from each category on the Furniture List to furnish the Talbot's family room. Fill in the chart with the items you have chosen. Calculate the total cost with tax and delivery fee.

Answer:

Category	Furniture Item	Cost of Item	13% Sales Tax	Total Cost of Item
Couch				
Chair				
Coffee and end tables				
Television				
Television Stand				
Bookshelf				
Floor lamp				
Table lamp				
Artwork				
Clock				
Bird cage				
Dog bed				
Plants				
Delivery Fee				$75.00
Total Cost of Furniture with Tax and Delivery				

Task 2: How much money do you have left from your $2,000 budget?

Answer:

Task 3: How much sales tax would you pay on the 3-piece couch set?

Answer:

Task 4: How much would three floor lamps cost with sales tax?

Answer: