

# Holiday Plans and Budgets

## Key financial ideas

- ★ You need to explore your options and their costs.
- ★ You may have the same options as someone else, but your decision may not be the same as theirs.

## You need

- ★ 2 copies of blank holiday plan forms (see copymaster)
- ★ a calculator or a spreadsheet program (optional)
- ★ a classmate

## Activity

Alana and Caitlyn decide to use the Internet and Nana's advertisements and notes to work out what their holiday activities might cost (excluding airfares).

- 1 With a classmate, use your copies of the holiday plan forms and the information on page 5 to make up two different activity plans for the Murphys for 8 days. (You could use the Internet or the library to find more details about each activity.) At the same time, you'll need to work out the costs.

**For plan A:** Choose options you think the family would want to do if they didn't have to worry about how much money they spend.

**For plan B:** Choose the options you think are the cheapest, making sure that the family still do something interesting each day.

Then we'll have some idea of how much money we'll need.



### Holiday Plan for Brisbane and the Gold Coast

Tick one:  expensive option  cheapest option

Day	Proposed plan		Total cost (\$)
Saturday	Activity	Flying to Brisbane	Already paid
	Transport	Airport to Nana and Grandad's	
	Food	Tea at Nana and Grandad's	

- 2 Choose three additional paying activities from plan A to include in plan B. How much would plan B cost now?

Nana's notes:



**Meals:**

We can give you breakfasts, packed lunches, and tea if you're here. You can also eat out cheaply: per person, between A\$5-\$10 for lunch and A\$10-\$20 each for tea.








**Some transport options:**

To/from Brisbane airport: about \$35 for a taxi. (Our car is too small!) There are also buses, shuttles, and the Airtrain (\$30/family).




Car hire: about \$90 a day or \$400 a week, plus petrol costs. Public transport around Brisbane: daily ticket for bus, train, ferry is about \$6 per adult and \$3 per child.

Gold Coast: You can get there by coach or train - allow about \$220 altogether for return fares.

**Costs for activities around Brisbane**

<p><b>Queensland Museum:</b> admission free</p> 	<p><b>Science Centre</b> in the Queensland Museum: \$28 per family</p>	<p><b>Museum of Brisbane:</b> admission free</p>	<p><b>Queensland Art Gallery:</b> admission free. Workshops for children: \$6 per child</p>	<p><b>Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium:</b> \$5 per family. Also Cosmic Skydome shows: \$31 per family</p>
<p><b>Streets Beach:</b> admission free</p> <p><b>Brisbane cycle hire:</b> \$30 half day, \$40 full day per bike. Guided tour of Brisbane: \$38 per person</p> 	<p><b>Children's holiday programmes:</b> costs vary.</p>  <p><b>City Botanic Gardens:</b> admission free</p>	<p><b>Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary:</b> admission \$39 per family; \$15 per person to cuddle a koala; \$1 per bag of pellets to feed kangaroos. Get there by cruise boat: \$120 per family, or bus: \$3.40 per person.</p> 	<p><b>Alma Park Zoo:</b> \$55 per family. Get there by train: \$4 per person.</p>  <p><b>Australia Zoo:</b> about an hour's drive north of Brisbane: tickets from \$29 per person or \$146 per family</p>	<p><b>Roma Street Parkland:</b> admission free</p>  <p><b>In-line skate hire:</b> \$13 for 2 hours. Tour of Brisbane: \$10 each</p> 

**Costs for activities on the Gold Coast**

<b>Theme Parks</b>				
<b>Dreamworld:</b> adult \$64, child \$42		<b>Sea World:</b> adult \$64, child \$42		<b>Movie World:</b> adult \$64, child \$42
<b>Other activities</b>				
<p><b>Wet'n'Wild:</b> \$42/adult, \$28/child</p> 	<p><b>Helicopter rides:</b> 5 minutes: \$52/adult, \$42/child</p>	<p><b>Hot-air ballooning:</b> 1 hour: \$295/adult, \$200/child</p> 	<p><b>Infinity</b> (maze and light show): \$68/family</p>	<p><b>Horse-riding treks:</b> 2 hours: \$65/adult, \$40/child</p> 

3 All the prices you have used for your holiday plans are in Australian dollars. Find out the current exchange rate between Australia and New Zealand. Then work out how much the total cost of each of your plans would be in New Zealand dollars.

4 With your classmate, brainstorm a list of all the other items the Murphys might spend money on for their holiday. Think about extra clothes and gear they may need to buy, insurance in case they get sick or have things stolen, and extras they might need or want money for.



Let's see, if each Australian dollar costs NZ\$1.20 to buy, A\$1,000 will cost me  $1\ 000 \times 1.2 = \text{NZ}\$1,200$ .



Needs are things that are essential - we couldn't go on holiday unless we had them. Wants are all the things that we'd like to have or do if we could.

Well, we'll each have to get a passport. We need them to travel overseas.

### Investigations

- 1 Choose a place in New Zealand where you'd like to go on holiday. Investigate what you and your family could do there for a week and how much it might cost. You could look on the Internet or get a guidebook from the public library to help your research.
- 2 Investigate the costs of accommodation and activities for a family on holiday where you live.

**Reflective question** ★ What possible consequences would there be if you included more than you could afford on your own holiday plan?