



Educator guide: Tobacco calculator activity

Recommended for grades:

4th – 5th grades

Time:

2 minutes

Activity description:

The Tobacco calculator activity shows students how much money is spent on a regular tobacco habit. Students will choose how many cigarettes a person may smoke daily and the calculator will then translate that into the cost of that habit over a year. It then compares that amount of money spent on tobacco to other things a person could have purchased instead, such as fast food combo meals, movie tickets, phones and more.



Transcript

Welcome

Aside from the health problems smoking cigarettes can cause, did you ever think about how much money it costs to smoke? Use this calculator to find out how much money a person can spend on cigarettes over the course of a year, and what could be bought with that money instead!

Instructions

Enter the number of cigarettes smoked per day to see how much that adds up to over the course of a year.

Results

Over the course of a year, the amount of money spent on that many cigarettes could have bought:

(Students will see four of the examples below, along with the number of items that could be bought based on the number of cigarettes the student entered.)

This many mobile apps

This many items at the dollar store

This many video games

This many candy bars

This many phones

This many combo meals

This many movie tickets



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