MAKING CHOICES

You have a 15-candy budget each month. You are married, and you both work full-time at minimum-wage jobs. You have a son (age 14) and a daughter (age 9).



Look at the three options for each category and "spend" your candies in column A, B, or C, depending upon what's most important to you.

You must make a choice for each row.

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CATEGORY	A (1 CANDY)	B (2 CANDIES)	C (3 CANDIES)
HOUSING	Apartment, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished, no patio/deck/ yard, street parking only.	Apartment, 3 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished, covered patio.	House, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, unfurnished, small fenced yard, carport, stove, refrigerator and dishwasher.
HEALTHCARE	No health insurance - you pay for all health-related costs.	Health insurance for you through your employer but no health insurance for your family members.	Health insurance for you and your family through your employer.
FOOD (per person)	1 meal per day.	2 meals per day.	3 meals per day plus snacks.
TRANSPORTATION	Walk or bike everywhere, no public transit available.	Walk, bike, or take public transit.	Own your own car.
TECHNOLOGY ACCESS	No computer, no cell phone, TV but no cable.	No computer, you have a cell phone and TV but no cable.	You have a home computer, TV with cable, and a cell phone.
CHILDCARE	Under supervision of a family member.	A licensed daycare, but no early education training.	A provider with proven high- quality care and training in early education.
SHOPPING	1 grocery store within walking distance, no mall within 20 miles.	Grocery store across the street from your home and a mini-mall within a mile.	2 grocery stores nearby and a large mall within walking distance.
SPENDING MONEY	After food purchased and bills are paid, no extra money left.	\$20 left over each week after food purchased and all bills are paid.	\$50 left over each week after food purchased and bills are paid.