

# money matters

session 2  
take home activity



## It Cost You What?

Did you know that the value of our money changes over time? No, we don't change the actual number on the coins or bills, but what that coin or bill can buy changes. It is called inflation. You can learn about inflation firsthand through this fun take home activity.

1. Ask a grandparent, if possible, how much the various items listed below cost when they were your age. You can ask a grandparent over the phone or in-person.
2. Then, ask a parent or guardian how much the same items cost when they were your age.
3. Now, research how much these same items cost today.
4. Use the chart below to fill in this information and then answer the questions that follow.

Item	Grandparent	Parent	You
Gallon of Milk			
Candy Bar			
Movie Ticket			
Loaf of Bread			
Postage Stamp			
Gallon of Gas			
Cup of Coffee			

Did the cost of items go up or down over the years?

What item went up or down the most? By how much did it go up or down?