

Becoming a Smart Shopper



In the last issue of *Paw Prints* we discussed savings goals. If you've been a smart saver and are ready to make a purchase, the next step is to become a smart shopper! Saving money takes time, so when you're ready to spend your hard earned savings, do so wisely. That's where using good shopping skills can help!

It's important to know that the same item can be purchased from multiple stores and often at different prices! No matter what you've been saving for, you should always check the prices at several places before making a purchase. This will help you get the best deal.

Let's look at an example. You want to buy a new bicycle and the first store you go to has the bike you want for \$72.89. The second store has the same bike on sale for \$62.89. If you purchased the bike from the first store, you would pay \$10.00 more for the same item. That is \$10.00 you could keep in your savings instead. To test your shopping skills, complete the quiz below! Decide which store has the better deal and how much you would save by comparing options.

Smart Shopping Quiz

Apply the skills you learned in the article above to choose the better deal!

Big Purchase	Store #1	Store #2	Who has the Better Deal?
Video Game	Video Game \$48.99	Video Game \$59.00	Store: _____ Amount Saved: _____
Baseball Bat and Mitt	Baseball Bat \$19.00 Baseball Mitt \$16.32	Baseball Bat and Mitt (set) \$32.32	Store: _____ Amount Saved: _____

Amount Saved: \$35.32 - \$32.32 = \$3.00
Store #1: \$16.32 + \$19.00 = \$35.32
Baseball Bat and Mitt - Store: #2

Amount Saved: \$59.00 - \$48.99 = \$10.01
Video Game - Store: #1

Answer Key:

Coloring Winners!

Congratulations to our winners! These lucky folks received a FAT CAT backpack! View the winning colorings in FAT CAT's Art Gallery at www.cufatcats.org/ArtGallery.html!

Trevor, age 3, of Oak Ridge

Clara, age 5, of Washington

Kate, age 5, of Hickory

Landyn, age 6, of Morganton

Logan, age 6, of Fuquay-Varina

JoJo, age 8, of Raleigh

Kayla, age 8, of Asheboro

Maya, age 9, of Greensboro

Celeste, age 10, of Knightdale

Zion, age 12, of Burlington

Color for a Chance to Win!

Send in your coloring along with your full name, address, and age by **March 5, 2019** for the chance to win in a random drawing. Winners will receive a FAT CAT backpack!

Drop this off at your local branch or mail it to:

FAT CAT - State Employees' Credit Union, P.O. Box 27948, Raleigh, N.C. 27611

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The Belted Kingfisher lives near water and can be seen year-round in North Carolina.

Coloring provided by the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville, cultivating connections between people and plants for over 30 years!

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Child's full name: _____

Child's age: _____

Child's address: _____

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