Money Comes and Goes: Creating A Budget

Imagine you receive an allowance of $10.00 each week. A neighbor has asked you to walk her dog two days a week and is willing to pay you $5.00 each week. From this money your parents expect you to donate $1.00 a week to charity and buy food for your cat, which costs $3.00 each week. You can use the rest of the money as you wish. The other things you would like to buy are:

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| T-Shirt | $8.00 |
| Baseball Ticket | $5.00 |
| Movie Ticket | $6.00 |
| A New App | $4.00 |
| Popcorn | $2.00 |
| Hot Dog | $2.00 |
| Nachos | $2.00 |
| Soda | $1.50 |
| Candy | $0.50 |
| Gum | $0.25 |

Making a weekly budget that will help you make your savings goal of $150.00 to buy a camera.

**STEP 1:** List the money you earn under income. Don’t forget to put the total money you will receive in the box next to “Total In.”

**STEP 2:** List the money you plan to spend and save on the “money out” side of the budget. Don’t forget to put the total you will save and spend in the “Total Out.”

**Weekly Budget**

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| MONEY IN | | MONEY OUT | |
| Source of Income | Amount | Expenses | Amount |
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|  |  | TOTAL EXPENSES |  |
|  |  | * SAVINGS |  |
| TOTAL IN |  | Total Out |  |

Answer the following questions:

1. If you save the same amount every week, how many weeks will it take you to save $150.00 for the camera?
2. What is today’s date?
3. Look at a calendar. On what date could you afford the camera?
4. What if you were able to save an extra $2 a week? How much sooner could you get your camera?
5. Why is it important to save money early and often?