

# Different Ways to Budget | Worksheet



## Matching

Match the definition in Column A with the budgeting term in Column B.

### Column A

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreate budget from scratch after changes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Planning that tracks money earned, spent, and saved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gradually adjust budget as income changes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Budget with 50% needs, 30% wants, 20% savings.

### Column B

- a. Budgeting
- b. 50-30-20 Method
- c. Incremental Budgeting
- d. Envelope Budgeting
- e. Zero-based Budgeting

## Multiple Choice

1. **After receiving a 10% raise, Sarah realizes she has extra income to allocate to her budget. She currently spends \$1,200 on rent, \$600 on groceries, and \$200 on entertainment each month. She feels that she often runs short on grocery money before the end of the month. Using the incremental budgeting method, how should Sarah adjust her budget to make the most of her increased income?**
  - a. Increase her rent budget by 10%.
  - b. Increase her grocery budget by 10% and allocate the remaining increase to savings.
  - c. Keep her budget the same since incremental budgeting doesn't require any changes.
  - d. Spend all the extra income on entertainment.
2. **John has been using the envelope budgeting method and has envelopes for rent, groceries, and entertainment. Halfway through the month, he realizes he has overspent in his entertainment envelope. What should John do to stay within his overall budget?**
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  - c. Reevaluate his spending and reduce expenses in the remaining weeks to avoid overspending again.
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3. **Emma is planning to buy a car in the next six months. To achieve this goal, she decides to use the "paying yourself first" budgeting method. What is the primary strategy she should use with this method?**
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  - c. Create a zero-based budget every month to adjust her savings goal.
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- 4. Due to a major change in his job, Michael's previous budget is no longer feasible. He decides to use zero-based budgeting to create a new budget. What is the first step Michael should take in this process?**
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**Application:**

Imagine you have just received a part-time job, and your monthly income is \$800. You have decided to use the 50-30-20 budgeting method to manage your finances. After a few months, you realize you want to save up for a new laptop that costs \$1,200. How would you adjust your budget to save for the laptop within six months using the "paying yourself first" budgeting method? Describe the steps you would take and what changes you might need to make to your current spending.

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**Answer:**

- Determine the monthly amount needed to save up for the laptop.  $\$1200 \div 6 = \$200$ .
- Set aside savings first. Allocate \$200 of the monthly \$800 for the laptop before budgeting anything else.
- Adjust the remaining budget based on \$600 rather than \$800:
  - Needs (50% of \$600) = \$300
  - Wants (30% of \$600) = \$180
  - Savings ((20% of \$600) = \$120