

JCT Poster – Seán’s case study answer sheet

Step 1 – Identify Seán’s needs and wants.

Example

Needs
Soup & roll
Indoor soccer

Wants
Cinema with friends
Food with friends
Snacks & slush puppies

Step 2 – Calculate Seán’s **total weekly income** (including his pocket money) and his **total weekly expenditure**.

Weekly income	
Walking Cushla	20
Pocket money	15
Cleaning his sister’s car	<u>+ 5</u>
Total	€40

Weekly expenditure	
Soup & roll at school	8
Snacks & slush puppies	4
Indoor soccer	2
Cinema with friends	8
Food with friends	<u>+ 6</u>
Total	€28

Step 3 – Taking Seán’s weekly income and expenditure figures, calculate his **monthly income** and **monthly expenditure** (assume 4 weeks in one month).

Monthly income: €40 x 4 (weeks) = €160

Monthly expenditure: €28 x 4 (weeks) = €112

Step 4 – Seán has plans for the summer ahead that will need some real savings. Calculate how much he has to save and using this, work out how much he has to **save per week** over the next 12 weeks to meet his saving goals. Use this figure to identify his **required monthly savings**.

Gaeltacht	
New runners	110
New jeans	40
New sports bag	+ 31
Total	€181

Summer family holiday	
Spending money	35

Total savings needed = €216

216/12 (weeks) = €18 **savings per week**

€18 x 4 (weeks) = €72 **savings per month**

Reflection opportunity! Are Seán's saving goals short-term (e.g. something happening in the next few months), medium-term (e.g. something happening in the next year or two) or long-term (e.g. something happening in 5/6 years or more)?

Both goals are short-term goals as they are happening in the coming months.

*Step 5 - Prepare a monthly budget for Seán (taking figures from 'step 2 & 3' above) for the next 3 months, that will allow him to **satisfy his needs & some of his wants** and have the savings that he will need for the busy summer ahead.*

Example (cinema reduced to once a month)

	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Total
Income				
Total income	160	160	160	480
Expenditure				
Soup & roll	32	32	32	96
Snacks & slush puppies	16	16	16	48
Food with friends	24	24	24	72
Cinema with friends	8	8	8	24
In-door soccer	8	8	8	24
Total expenditure	88	88	88	264
Net cash	72	72	72	216
Opening cash	0	72	144	0
Closing cash	72	144	216	216
Total saved		216		
Less:				
Gaeltacht trip	181			
Holiday spending money	35	216		
Balance:		0		