

Laughing all the way to the bank – Teacher Notes

- *Using the Internet or visiting the bank, students research the different options for service fees that banks offer. Through the investigation, students also make comparisons on the various ways of doing their banking and the fees related to each type.*
- *Students answer the questions below and complete the attached tables.*

Suggested Websites:

www.scotiabank.com
www.royalbank.com
www.bmo.com
www.canadatrust.com
www.cibc.com
www.preschoicefinancial.com
www.tdbank.ca

Excellent Resource:

There's Something about Money – www.yourmoney.cba.ca

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Part A:

1. Taking care of your money is an important responsibility. Having a bank account helps you protect and manage your money. What are the types of accounts available at banks? (3 basic types)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2. Pamela Perdone decides to open a combined chequing/savings account and she needs to determine whether she should pay a monthly fee for a plan or use Pay-As-You-Go for service charges.

- She takes out money on average three times each week for personal expenses using the ABM.
- She has arranged a pre-authorized bill payment for her monthly car payments.
- She balances her monthly statements every two weeks.

Determine which option she should choose and justify your choice.

<i>Standard Plan</i>	<i>Pay-As-You-Go Option</i>
Monthly Plan fee: \$ 7.25	<u>Pre-Authorized Bill Payments/Debit:</u> \$0.40
Debit Transactions included: 25	<u>Direct Payment Purchase:</u> \$0.40
Account History inquiries included: 4	<u>Online Banking and Telephone Banking Service (Self-Serve)</u>
	Bill Payment Debit: \$0.50
	Account History Inquiry – online banking: FREE
	Account History Inquiry – telephone banking service: \$0.40
	<u>Automated Banking Machine</u>
	Withdrawal: \$0.50
	Bill Payment Debit: \$0.75
	Account History Inquiry: \$0.50
	<u>Each Cheque costs:</u> \$0.60

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Part B:

When you open an account, there are many services you can use. While some are free, you pay for many on a Pay-As-You-Go basis. A service charge is the fee you pay to buy the service from the bank. Most banks offer service plans or packages that offer use of a number of common services for one monthly fee.

When deciding to open an account, consider the following checklist to determine your banking needs:

Number of Withdrawals/Bill Payment per Month

- _____ cheques written
- _____ in-branch cash withdrawals
- _____ ABM
- _____ pre-authorized payments
- _____ Interac Direct Payment
- _____ telephone banking
- _____ Internet banking
- _____ Total number of withdrawals

Number of Deposits per Month

- _____ in-branch
- _____ ABM
- _____ direct payroll deposit
- _____ Total number of deposits

Other banking Services

- _____ safety deposit box
- _____ travellers' cheques
- _____ credit cards

Record Keeping Options

- _____ monthly statement
- _____ passbook

Take your checklist to a bank in your community, use the Internet or call a bank's toll-free information line to help you choose a package that best meets your personal needs or those of a family member. Determine the cost for the plan.

	Bank # 1:	Bank # 2:	Bank # 3:
Name of recommended account/plan/package			
Features of the account/plan, e.g., number of transactions permitted			
Total cost per month			
Additional Services and other considerations (e.g., hours of service, location, overdraft fees, etc.)			

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Part C:

Once you have an account, there are different ways of doing your banking. You can bank at your branch through a teller, at an Automated Banking Machine (ABM), over the phone or online.

Visit one of the banks in your community or online.

- a) List all the services for each type of banking and the fees you will pay for each type of service.

Type of Service	ABM (available or not available and fee)	Telephone Banking (available or not available and fee)	Online (available or not available and fee)	Teller (available or not available and fee)
e.g., pay bills				

- b) Discuss some advantages or disadvantages of doing your banking at an ABM, by telephone, online, or at a branch.

Type of banking	Advantages	Disadvantages
ABM		
Telephone Banking		
Online		
Teller		

