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COMPARING CHECKING ACCOUNTS WORKSHEET

Call or visit the websites of several nearby or convenient financial institutions to learn more about their checking accounts. Fill in all the information; you can make comparisons.

	Bank A (Name)	Bank B (Name)	Savings & Loan (Name)	Credit Union (Name)
Checking Account Feature				
Minimum deposit to open account?				
Monthly fee?				
Convenient locations?				
Monthly cost of online banking?				
Minimum balance to avoid fees?				
Fee for falling below minimum balance?				
Non-sufficient funds fee				
Is there a "basic" account that costs less if I write only a few checks a month?				
Account reconciliation fee?				
ATM used fee?				
Are there any accounts that earn interest?				
Debit card fees?				
Overdraft fees?				

The bank, savings & loan, or credit union I will use for my checking account is: _____



Quiz & Worksheet - Balancing Checking & Savings Accounts

1. What is the most accurate way to determine how much money you have in your bank accounts?

- ☐ Use the amount on the bank statement - after all, it is their bank.
- ☐ Use the amount on your records - after all, it is your money.
- ☐ Use the amount on a current balance report from an ATM.
- ☐ Compare your records to the bank's records and reconcile, or balance, the difference.

2.
Your bank statement shows this information:

Opening balance: \$600

Check 555: -\$100

Check 556: -\$65

Check 558: -\$125

Your account ledger shows this information :

Opening balance: \$600

Check 555: -\$100

Check 556: -\$65

Check 557: -\$75

Check 558: -\$125

How much money do you have and why?

- ☐ \$235 because check 557 has not cleared.
- ☐ \$310 because that is the amount on the bank statement.
- ☐ \$75 because that is the difference between the two balances.
- ☐ \$600 because that is the starting balance.

3. What might be the reason your records show more funds than the bank statement reports?

- ☐ You were charged a fee or access charge that is accounted for in your records.
- ☐ You recorded a deposit that has not yet hit the bank records.
- ☐ A vendor charged you for a purchase.
- ☐ You listed all of your deposits.

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