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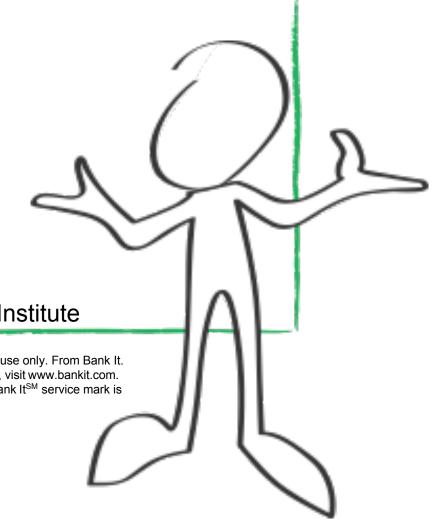
Budget Well

Welcome to Bank It

Updating Budgets Over Time 3-BU-T

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Welcome and Overview

What is Bank It?

Bank It delivers real-world topics and tools to help you:

- Understand,
- Talk about, and
- Manage your money.





Welcome and Overview

Three goals for today:

- 1. Name at least one reason budgets fail.
- 2. List at least two reasons you may need to change a budget.
- 3. Identify an example of a recordkeeping feature that a financial institution provides.





Activity

Role-Play a Script





Activity

Why do budgets fail?





Sample budget





Why would you need to change a budget?

- 1. Your income changes.
- 2. An expense category changes.
- 3. An emergency comes along.





Why could it be dangerous to change a budget too often?

- 1. You're not taking charge of your money if you let every new situation change your budget.
- 2. It's too easy to spend money and change your budget to support your spending.
- 3. If your budget is always changing, you won't know which budget is your plan.



Tracking your transactions

- 1. Figure out a way to record your transactions.
- 2. Do this at least once a week so you know how much money is coming in and going out.
- 3. Compare your records with bank and credit card statements.





Discuss

Turn to talk to someone near you.

- 1. Say your first name.
- 2. Describe an event that changed the way you handled money.





Why do budgets fail?

- 1. Lack of commitment.
- 2. Budget becomes out of date.
- 3. A serious emergency, such as something expensive breaking down or being stolen.





What are reasons you may need to change your budget?

- 1. Your income changes.
- 2. An expense category changes.
- 3. An emergency comes along.





How do you change a budget?

You either raise or lower the income or expense category depending on the change in your money situation.





Why is it dangerous to change your budget too often?

- 1. You're not taking charge of your money if you let every new situation change your budget.
- 2. It's too easy to spend money and change your budget to support your spending.
- 3. If your budget is always changing, you won't know which budget is your plan.



Why is it important to track your spending and income?

- So you know how much money is coming in and going out.
- So you can compare your records with bank and credit card statements and protect yourself.





What are examples of recordkeeping features that a financial institution provides?

- Monthly bank account statement
- Credit card statement
- Online account access





Close

Use an up-to-date budget as a guide to make positive money choices.



