

Buy This or That?

Your family decides you are responsible enough to get a phone. You will pay \$100 towards the phone and they offer to pay for the rest of Phone A or Phone B, but let you decide which one you want. They won't pay for another phone for two years, so choose wisely.

Phone A Information		Phone B Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400 • 4-inch screen • Comes in white, gold, black • Pretty good camera • Water-resistant • Comes with a drop-proof case 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 • 5-inch screen • Comes in white or black • Faster at opening apps, games, etc. • Really nice camera • No case included • Newest phone on the market • Same phone your friends have 	
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Which phone do you decide to buy? Why?

Do you think you will be happy with your decision? Explain your answer.

Additional Activities to Try

MORE AT HOME ACTIVITIES

As the video suggests, talk about an upcoming purchase your child wants to make. Have them reflect on the REASON they want to make the purchase. Is it because of price, social pressure, family/cultural values, advertising or something else? Help your child research the item and find reviews, sales or discounts, and the return policy for the item.

Look at reviews for an item and discuss how those reviews are created. Discuss how you can't always trust reviews because sometimes they are bots or not verified users. But often the more reviews something has, the more you can trust them.

IN THE REAL WORLD

The next time you make a purchase, discuss why you are spending money on that item and why you are choosing to buy it over other similar items. Possibly use the reasons as: price, social pressure, family/cultural values, or advertising. Also discuss what research you did on the item to make sure it was a quality purchase.

When out shopping, keep the receipts and have your child ask about the return policy.

MORE CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Discuss a time when you bought something for any of the following reasons and if you were happy with the purchase:
 - Price
 - Social Pressure
 - Family/Cultural Values
 - Advertising
- Discuss a time when you needed to return something.
- Discuss a time when you did a lot of research for an item. What research did you do and why?
- Discuss a time when you did not do research for an item and how that affected your satisfaction with the purchase.