

# Financial Capability Quiz

## for Year 8



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## Aims

The Financial Capability Quiz is designed by the Consumer Council and Trading Standards Institute Northern Ireland. The aim of the quiz is to help young people find out about money matters and manage their finances.



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## Who can enter?

Year 8 pupils working in teams of 3-10 pupils.  
There is no limit on the number of entries per school.

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## What's involved?

Teams should complete all 36 questions in the booklet, and return it to the Consumer Council in the FREEPOST envelope provided by **Friday 9 March 2007**.

**Please keep a photocopy of all entries.**

A panel from the Consumer Council and Trading Standards Institute Northern Ireland will judge the entries.

The panel will use the tie-break question at the end of the quiz to select the winning team if a number of teams answer all 36 questions correctly.

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## Prizes

The winning team will receive:

1. £150 and a plaque for their school
2. Gift vouchers for the team
3. Trophy for the classroom

**Every pupil who enters the Financial Capability Quiz will receive a certificate.**

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## Results

A sealed envelope with suitable answers is enclosed. This will allow you to provide feedback to pupils after the entries have been posted.

The Consumer Council will notify the winning team by **Friday 30 March 2007** and all participating schools will be informed of the winner.

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# Entry Form

**School Details (ONE entry form per team must be submitted)**

School name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile (if applicable):

Fax:

E-mail:

Name of contact teacher:

**Names of Team Members:**

Completed question booklets should be returned to:

The Consumer Council  
FREEPOST BE 618  
Belfast  
BT4 1BR

All entries should arrive by: **Friday 9 March 2007**

The questions are based on a family of four - Dad, Mum, Mary who is 16 years old and her brother Johnny who is 12 years old.

## Savings

Question	Answer	Judges Use
<p>1 If you were given a present of £50 and wanted to keep it in a safe place which of these would you do? (please circle where appropriate)</p>	<p>a. put it in the fridge b. give it to your sister c. put it in a savings account</p>	
<p>2 Johnny's auntie lives in Dublin. She sent him €50 for his birthday. If €1=70p how much sterling will he have to put in his savings account? (please circle where appropriate)</p>	<p>a. £70 b. £35 c. £350</p>	
<p>3 Give one advantage of a savings account. (max. 10 words)</p>		
<p>4 Give one disadvantage of a savings account. (max. 10 words)</p>		
<p>5 Give a reason why Johnny should want to save. (max. 20 words)</p>		

## Banks

<p>6 Why can't Johnny open a current account like the one his Mum and Dad use?</p>		
<p>7 To find the Financial Services Authority website on the Internet you would use. (please circle where appropriate)</p>	<p>a. a search warrant b. a search engine c. search and rescue service</p>	
<p>8 There are several types of bank account described on the Financial Services Authority's website. Name two of them.</p>		
<p>9 Johnny's sister Mary has just opened a basic bank account. How old does she have to be to do this?</p>		
<p>10 Mum saved £500 in the Post Office® at 5% interest for one year. How much will the Post Office® add to her account?</p>		

Question	Answer	Judges Use
<p><b>11</b> Mum wants to save her £500 somewhere else this year.</p> <p>a) Where do you recommend she save her £500 for one year?</p> <p>b) Describe the offer you chose. <i>(max. 20 words)</i></p> <p>c) How much money will she get at the end of the year?</p>		
<p><b>12</b> Mum and Dad borrow £800 to book and pay for the family holiday. The interest rate is 10%. How much interest will they have to pay?</p>		
<p><b>13</b> They arrange to pay back the loan over 10 months. How much will they pay per month?</p>		
<p><b>14</b> Why is it a good idea to pay back a holiday loan in less than a year? <i>(max. 10 words)</i></p>		
<b>Banks and Money</b>		
<p><b>15</b> Mary has a cash card to take money out of her account from a hole in the wall machine. What is the proper name for this machine?</p>		
<p><b>16</b> She needs a PIN to do this. What does PIN stand for?</p>		
<p><b>17</b> How many numbers are in a PIN?</p>		
<p><b>18</b> Why is it important that Mary keeps her PIN a secret? <i>(max. 10 words)</i></p>		

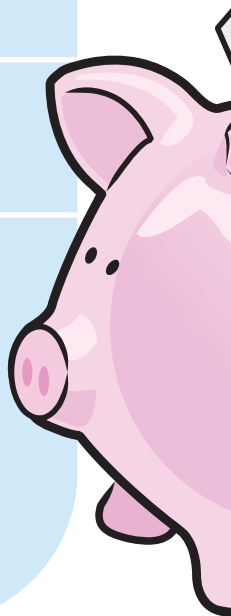
Question	Answer	Judges Use
19 Fill in the missing word: As Mum and Dad have a current account they can pay their bills from it by writing a c _ _ _ _ _	c _ _ _ _ _	
20 Fill in the missing word: Each month they receive a s _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from the bank showing details of all the money moving in and out of their current account.	s _ _ _ _ _ _ _	

## Credit Cards

21 Mum sometimes uses a credit card. Why can't Johnny and Mary get one? (max. 10 words)		
22 Which one of the following helps to keep your money safe?	a. fish and chips b. chip and pin c. chips and beans	

## How Buying a House Works

23 Fill in the missing word: Mum and Dad are thinking of moving house. They do not have enough money to buy the house outright and so will have to get a m _ _ _ _ _	m _ _ _ _ _	
24 Fill in the missing word: The house costs £120,000 and they have saved £20,000 which is the d _ _ _ _ _	d _ _ _ _ _	
25 How much money will they have to borrow to buy the house?		



## Can You Work it Out?

Question	Answer	Judges Use
<p><b>26</b> The family move to their new house. There is no hot water as there is a problem with the boiler. Mum calls the plumber to fix it. The cost is £100 plus 17.5% VAT. How much is the total bill?</p>		
<p><b>27</b> Mum and Dad buy a new TV for the house in the January sales. If the TVs are identical which is cheaper?</p> <p>a. the TV that costs £300 but has 25% off or</p> <p>b. the TV that costs £280 but only has 20% off?</p>		
<p><b>28</b> If Johnny's sister kept £100 in her savings account for a full year at 4% interest how much would be added to her money? <i>(please circle where appropriate)</i></p>	<p>a. £0.40 b. £40.00 c. £4.00</p>	
<p><b>29</b> Johnny has saved enough to buy a PS2. After shopping around he found two offers that he thought were good bargains. If the PS2s are identical, which is cheaper?</p> <p>a. the PS2 that costs £150 but has 20% off or</p> <p>b. the PS2 that costs £180 and has a discount of 25%</p>		



# Solve the Following Clues

The number of letters in each word is shown in brackets

<p><b>30</b> What currency would you use on holiday in Spain? (4 letters)</p>	<p>— — — —</p>	
<p><b>31</b> Instead of paying cash you could write one of these (6 letters)</p>	<p>— — — — — —</p>	
<p><b>32</b> The kind of account an adult might have. Could give you a shock (7 letters)</p>	<p>— — — — — — —</p>	
<p><b>33</b> Stick this number in someone and they will probably jump (3 letters)</p>	<p>— — —</p>	
<p><b>34</b> A policeman will take one but the bank will give you one (9 letters)</p>	<p>— — — — — — — — —</p>	
<p><b>35</b> Borrowing money! Sounds like you're at home on your own (4 letters)</p>	<p>— — — —</p>	
<p><b>36</b> Another name for pounds and pence. Could be a misspelling of a town in Scotland (8 letters)</p>	<p>— — — — — — — —</p>	

## Tie Break

In no more than 50 words explain whether you agree or disagree with this statement.

**"Financial education is not important to me because I am still at school"**

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