

## BUYING CARDS

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<p>You ordered your shoes from a mail-order catalog - did you check their return policy in case they don't fit?</p> <p>Stay where you are.</p>	<p>Your shoes have no toe guard to add wear life.</p> <p>Fall back 2 spaces</p>
<p>You didn't wear socks with your athletic shoes and now you have blisters.</p> <p>Crawl back 3 spaces.</p>	<p>Ventilation holes in your shoes help keep your feet cool.</p> <p>Jump ahead 2 spaces.</p>
<p>Sole and upper of your shoe are firmly attached</p> <p>Walk ahead 2 spaces.</p>	<p>You wore the cotton socks you will wear with the shoes when shopping for new ones.</p> <p>Run ahead 3 spaces.</p>
<p>Your shoes flexes easily at the ball of the foot.</p> <p>Leap forward 3 spaces.</p>	<p>You tried on your new shoes, but did not stand up and walk around in them.</p> <p>Walk back 3 spaces.</p>

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<p>Your shoes have smooth seams.</p> <p>Leap forward 2 spaces.</p>	<p>There's no padding at the sides or on the tongue of your shoes so now they're uncomfortable.</p> <p>Limp back 3 spaces.</p>
<p>Stripping helps resist side-to-side motion of your foot in the shoes you choose.</p> <p>Walk forward 2 spaces</p>	<p>The stitching is uneven and not straight in your new shoes</p> <p>Shuffle back 2 spaces.</p>
<p>Your new shoes have double stitching that is neat and even.</p> <p>Jump ahead 3 spaces.</p>	

OBJECTIVES:	Youth will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ become aware of quality standards in selecting clothing.</li><li>○ compare price and quality in clothing.</li></ul>
LIFE SKILLS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Acquiring, analyzing and decision making skills</li><li>○ Managing resources</li></ul>
MATERIALS:	4-6 garments/accessories of the same type such as: sweaters, logo crew T-shirts, shirts, all-weather jacket, sweatshirt, shorts. <b>YOUR BEST BUY EVALUATION SHEET</b> Pencils
TIME:	45 minutes
SETTING:	A comfortable room with tables and chairs.
ADVANCED PREPARATION:	Borrow clothing/accessory items from local retailer(s). Prepare flip chart. Make copies of evaluation sheet

## INTRODUCTION

How do you decide what clothing to buy? Are you a comparison shopper? Do you know how to recognize quality standards in evaluating clothing and accessories? If not now is the time to learn. Judging by using quality standards will mean that your clothing will last **and** you will make better use of your clothing dollar.

## Do

What is "YOUR BEST BUY?"

- ◆ Divide youth into 4-6 groups.
- ◆ Hand each group a garment/accessory and YOUR BEST BUYS EVALUATION Sheet.
- ◆ Rotate the garments until each group has evaluated all of the garments/accessories.
- ◆ Place garments on table and ask groups to decide (with 1 being best) on placing based on quality standards.
- ◆ Have each group share their placings.
- ◆ Identify the placings of those in agreement. For those that are different, ask the group to support their placement.
- ◆ Summarize using the QUALITY COUNTS Checklist in the Workbook, page 19.
- ◆ Re-visit their placings to see if they would make any changes.
- ◆ Ask them to identify the best buy, using cost and care in making their decision.

## **REFLECT**

- ◆ Why is it important to do comparison shopping?  
**to check for quality of materials and quality of workmanship.**
- ◆ Why is it important to use labels when doing comparison shopping?  
**to check for care -- drycleaning adds cost to the garment.**
- ◆ How often should you use comparison shopping when purchasing clothing?  
**always!**
- ◆ Share an experience you have had with comparison shopping.
- ◆ How will you use what you learned today?
- ◆ What would be your most important consideration in buying your best friend a T-shirt? Why?

## **APPLY**

- ◆ List ways you will change your clothing shopping habits.
- ◆ Practice comparison shopping -- the same garment at different stores in your community.
- ◆ Share what you learned with one other person.
- ◆ Do a demonstration or illustrated talk on comparison shopping or quality standards of clothing.

# Your Best Buy Evaluation

Brand Name	Fiber Content	Care	Quality Characteristics	Price