

Circle of Hope Project

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Healthy World
Socrates—Comenius

Cost of Smoking

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Teacher's Notes

- Divide the class into groups of three or four pupils each. Each group sits around a desk. Give out the resources. Give each group an A5 sheet with one of these amounts on it: £910, £1,820, £3,640, £9,100, £18,200, £36,400.

Starter (5 minutes)

- Each member of each group to describe how they choose to spend their pocket money, sweets, magazines, CDs and so on. Each person is free to make their own choices within reason.

Development (45 minutes)

- Tell the class that they have 45 minutes to spend the amount of money on their piece of paper. They will need to be reminded that if they pick holidays from a brochure, the price has to be checked carefully. Prices are usually per week per person and they will need to multiply this figure by the number of people in their group.
- Each group has to spend its money in the time allowed and must include at least one picture for each holiday or item they buy. Each choice must have the price written by it, in large numbers, written in felt pen. Each group must show how their money has been spent.
- A word of warning. Some groups, having seen how much money another group has been allocated, may complain that it is unfair that some have more money than others. All will all become clear at the end.

A typical group, having been given £9,100, might report:

holiday for one week for three people in France	£2,100
holiday for one week for three people in Italy	£2,400
holiday for two weeks for three people in Ibiza	£2,100
holiday for one week for three people in Scotland	£1,000
holiday for one week for three people in Belgium	£1,000
wide screen TV	<u>£500</u>
Total Expenditure	£9,100

Plenary (5 minutes)

- Each group to report back on how it have chosen to spend the money.
- Some will have struggled to have spent that sum of money in the time available because the figure is so high, for example, £36,400.
- Explain the significance of each figure.

£910	is the cost of smoking 10 cigarettes a day for just one year.
£1,820	is the cost of smoking 20 cigarettes a day for just one year.
£3,640	is the cost of smoking 40 cigarettes a day for just one year.
£9,100	is the cost of smoking 10 cigarettes a day for ten years.
£18,200	is the cost of smoking 20 cigarettes a day for ten years.
£36,400	is the cost of smoking 40 cigarettes a day for ten years.