SCENARIOS ANSWER KEY

*For each of the following scenarios, write three budget items that fit the person’s lifestyle needs. Categorize these three ideas—one for short-term or immediate needs, one for medium-term goals, and one long-term goal.*

***These are sample responses. Answers will vary.***

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| **Scenario** | **Short-term, or**  **immediate goals** | **Medium-term goal** | **Long-term goal** |
| Tiana is a college student. She uses student loans to pay for her tuition and most of her living expenses. She has a part-time job on campus that gives her extra spending money, and she often babysits on the weekends. She uses public transportation to save money.  **What should be included in Tiana’s budget?** | Setting aside money for:  Paying on student loans  Unexpected emergencies for college  Personal or social opportunities | Personal or social opportunities | Saving for a car after college  Creating a long-term savings plan  Paying off student loans |
| Jamal is a junior in high school. He works 15 hours a week at the mall. He lives with his parents, so he does not have any living expenses. He pays for his cell phone and borrows his brother’s car for $50 each month. He really wants to buy a car and have money for going out with his friends. He does not save much.  **What should be included in Jamal’s budget?** | Unexpected school emergencies  Gas for his brother’s car  Personal or social expenses  Clothing expenses | Saving for future cell phone and brother’s car use  Personal or social opportunities | Saving for a car and insurance  Saving for college  Saving for being on his own |
| Mariana just accepted her first job as a social media manager for a real estate company. Her salary is more than enough to provide for her and more. She just moved into a one-bedroom apartment, so she is responsible for rent, utilities, food, and other household expenses. She is paying off a student loan and she wants to save as much money as she can to buy a house someday. She owns a car and enjoys going out with friends on the weekend.  **What should be included in Mariana’s budget?** | All monthly rent and living expenses  Starting a savings plan with any extra money  Paying off student loan  Saving for any job expenses | Paying off student loan with extra money  Saving for future car repairs  Personal or social opportunities | Saving for a house  Paying off student loans |
| Jaime Gomez lives with his mother and two sisters. They just moved from another state so his mom could start a new job. They have an apartment and car, but his mom would like to have a house in a year or two. Jaime’s sister has been diagnosed with diabetes and that means she will need medications and a healthier diet. His older sister Laura wants to become a dental hygienist but will live at home until she has enough money to attend college.  **What should be included in Gomez's family budget?** | Setting aside money for healthy food and medication for diabetes  Gas money  Family emergencies  Car maintenance and repairs | Saving for Laura’s college expenses  Jaime and his sisters contributing money to a savings plan from part-time jobs  Budget for going out with a set amount | Saving for a house  Saving for college for all the children |