

MASTERS 2011

Math for Living / Matemáticas para la Vida

Ten stand-alone lessons in English and Spanish are designed to improve financial literacy and life skills with examples, practice problems, and vocabulary relating to work, smart shopping, and budgets, as well as information on obtaining the resources for college. Created for use in the MASTERS (Mathematics Achievement and Success Through Engagement in Resources for Migrant Students) Consortium Incentive Grant project, the lessons are non-sequential and written at a middle school reading level. Activities reinforce basic math skills while teaching practical concepts that apply to both everyday life and successful careers.

Lesson Titles

- Income and Expenses / Ingresos y Gastos
- Creating and Using a Budget * / Creación y Utilización de un Presupuesto *
- Advertisements and Specials / Anuncios Publicitarios y Especiales
- Comparing Prices and Finding the Best Buy / Comparación de Precios y Elección de la Mejor Compra
- Sales, Discounts and Rebates / Ofertas, Descuentos y Reembolsos
- Layaway / Apartados
- Evaluating Jobs Based on Wage / Evaluación del Empleo en Base al Salario
- Payroll Deductions and Earnings Statements / Deducciones de Nómina y Recibo de Nómina
- Withholding Allowances / Retención de Exenciones
- Paying for College / El Pago de los Estudios Universitarios

NOTE: Answers to *Try It* and *Practice Problems* are provided at the end of each lesson, so an answer key for teachers or mentors is not required; however, students should show their work in order to verify that they are doing the activities correctly.

* This lesson has activities in the *Practice Problems* section that require independent research at a school or local library, or on the Internet.