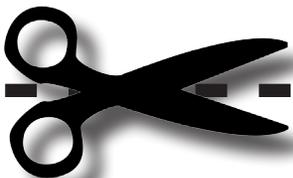
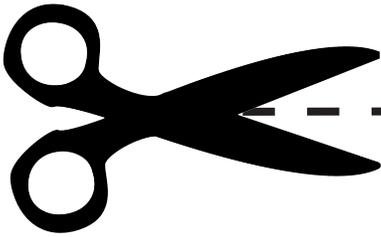


# Become a Chief Couponing Officer!

Compare and Save Packet  
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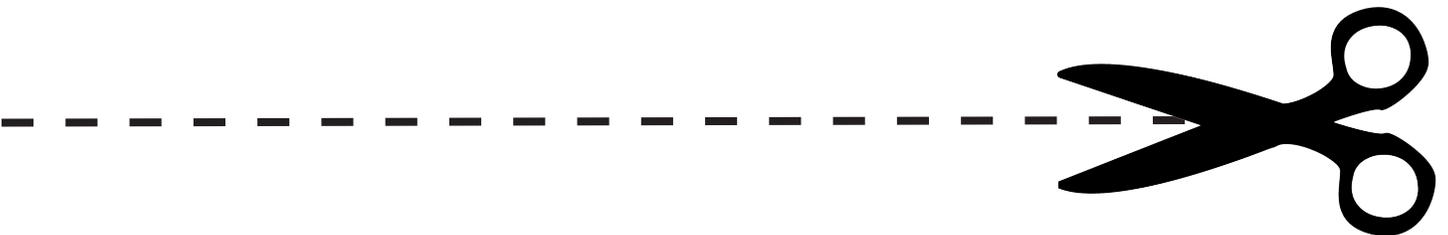




As a Chief Couponing Officer, it is truly important to make sure that you are always hunting for the best deal to save your family money on their grocery bill. In this packet, "Becoming a Chief Couponing Officer - Compare and Save," you will solve multi-step word problems that are perfect practice for your next trip to the grocery store. A great Chief Couponing officer knows how to compare prices to find the best deal.

Like all math problems, make sure to check and recheck your answers. Show your work in the blank spaces provided. Remember, that with multi-step problems, if you get something incorrect along the way, it will mean mistakes throughout the entire problem. Always go over your work until you are completely sure of your answer.

Practice makes perfect! Complete this "Compare and Save" packet and you will be prepared to find the best bargains for your family on your next shopping trip.



## Compare and Save! #1

You just got a new cat from your local rescue shelter. You named the cat, Summer. Now that you have Summer, you need to make sure that she is well fed. When you arrive at the grocery store, you head directly to the pet food aisle. Summer's veterinarian suggested that the best cat food is Tasty Nibbles. The volunteer at the rescue shelter said that Meow Meal is the better brand. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Tasty Nibbles is regularly \$2.15 per can. Summer is a large cat and is likely to eat three cans of cat food per day. That means that your cat will eat 42 cans in two weeks and 63 cans of cat food in three weeks. How much will it cost to purchase 42 cans of cat food at regular price? How much will it cost to purchase 63 cans of cat food at regular price?

Meow Meal is the more expensive brand of cat food. Each can of Meow Meal is \$3.11 per can. If Summer eats three cans a day, how much will it cost to feed Summer Meow Meal for an entire week? How much will it cost to feed her Meow Meal for four weeks?

### Which One is the Better Deal?

You have coupons for both brands of cat food. Now it is time to figure out which brand would be the more economical. You are purchasing 42 cans of cat food to feed Summer for two weeks. Tasty Nibbles offers you a \$0.20 off per can and you happen to have 30 coupons. Your grocery store does not have a limit on the number of coupons that you can use so you plan to use all 30.

Meow Meal has a coupon for \$0.50 off each can but you only have 18 coupons to go towards the 42 cans that you plan to purchase. How much will it cost to buy 42 cans of Tasty Nibbles after using the coupons and how much will it cost to purchase 42 cans of Meow Meal after using the coupons?

Which is the better brand to purchase for Summer? \_\_\_\_\_

## Compare and Save! #2

Jars of peanut butter are consumed quickly in your house. Everyone loves peanut butter. You use it in sandwiches, on toast, in smoothies and as a dip with fruit. Your family has never been a loyal to one particular brand of peanut butter. You tend to simply purchase whatever brand is on sale.

You have not purchased peanut butter in weeks and your brother used the last bit on his triple-decker peanut butter and jelly sandwich yesterday when he came home from swim practice. On this weeks shopping trip, you know that you will need to purchase 3 jars of peanut butter for the week. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Super Duper P&B is a brand that you have purchased before. The regular price for per large jar of Super Duper P&B is \$4.67. You have a coupon for \$2 off when you purchase 2 jars. How much will 3 jars cost after using the coupon? How much would all three jars cost if you did not have the coupon?

Peanut Buttery is another brand that you have purchased before. You notice that there is a \$0.75 off coupon that is attached to each jar. In-store savings are a great find! The regular price of a large jar of Peanut Buttery is \$3.88. How much will the three jars of Peanut Buttery cost prior to using the coupon? What will the total be after the coupons are used?

## Which One is the Better Deal?

You have coupons for both types of peanut butter. Because you are not loyal to either brand, it is truly important to figure out which one is the better deal financially. Super Duper P&B is having a deal where if you purchase three jars of their brand at regular price, you also receive a free bottle of their brand of grape jelly (regularly \$3.19) and a \$0.55 coupon for a loaf of bread (regularly \$2.83 a loaf). How much will you spend if you took advantage of this deal? Is it worth it?

Which is the better brand of peanut butter to purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

### Compare and Save! #3

It's flu season and your family likes to keep your bathroom stocked with medicine in case someone in your household catches a cold. Your pediatrician suggested three popular brands of cough syrup to your parents = Cough Ease, Cough Blaster and Healthy Kiddos. Your local grocery store is having a sale on all brands. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Cough Ease is regularly priced at \$5.35 per bottle. The sale price is \$4.70 per bottle. You also have two - \$0.75 off coupons. What is the total price of both bottles after applying the sales price and the coupons?

Cough Blaster is normally \$4.80 per bottle. There is an in-store coupon for \$0.55 off of each bottle in addition to the sales price, which is currently \$3.96. What is the price for both bottles of Cough Blaster?

Healthy Kiddos brand of cough syrup is regularly priced at \$6.77 – the most expensive out of the three brands. Their current sales price is \$5.99 per bottle. Attached to the side of each bottle is an in-store coupon for \$1.25 off of each bottle purchased. What is the total price for both bottles of Healthy Kiddos?

Which is the better brand of cough syrup to purchase?\_\_\_\_\_

## Compare and Save! #4

Your family is running low on laundry detergent. With five people in the house, you tend to wash clothes several days a week. This means that as a family, you use a large amount of laundry detergent. Your father likes to make sure that there are at least two large bottles of detergent in your home at all times. Several of your family's favorite detergents are on sale and you are hoping to cash in on this sale and purchase 6 bottles of detergent at a great price. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Fresh Linen is a brand that you have used in the past. The regular price of a large bottle of Fresh Linen is \$10.60. If you purchase three bottles of Fresh Linen, you get a \$4.55 off coupon that you can use immediately. There is no limit to the number of bottles that you can purchase and the number of coupons that you can use. How much will all six bottles of Fresh Linen cost?

Dirt Away is your father's favorite brand of laundry detergent. He is convinced that it does the best job in getting stains out of clothes. There are no large bottles of Dirt Away available at the grocery store but there are plenty of small sized bottles. A small sized bottle costs \$7.77 each. Currently, they are on sale for \$6.88. You have a coupon for \$0.65 off of each bottle. In order to get the amount of laundry detergent that would be equivalent to 6 large bottles, you will need to purchase 12 small bottles of Dirt Away. How much will 12 bottles of dirt away cost after using coupons.

Which is the better brand for laundry detergent to purchase?\_\_\_\_\_

## Compare and Save! #5

Yogurt is a staple in your household. This is an item that is eaten daily at breakfast in parfaits, with a sprinkling of granola on top. Your mother even uses it to bake with. To save money, your family has already chosen to only purchase the large containers of yogurt in place of the pricier, individual packets. There are two brands of yogurt that your family consumes. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Yorgurtlicious is your favorite brand of yogurt. The large tub of Yorgurtlicious is \$4.15 each. You have a buy one get one \$0.60 off. You need to purchase four large tubs of yogurt for your family. How much will the four large tubs of Yorgurtlicious cost?

Yogurt Goodness is the other brand of yogurt that your family enjoys. One large tub of Yogurt Goodness costs \$3.74 each. You only have 2 coupons for this brand but they are \$1 off coupons. How much will 4 large containers of Yogurt Goodness cost?

### Which One is the Better Deal?

Your family is not loyal to one brand of yogurt. You simply want the best deal. Before you head to the check-out aisle, you glance at the sales paper again and notice that Yorgurtlicious has an additional deal. If you purchase 5 tubs of this brand, you also get a free medium sized box of organic granola cereal – the same brand that you sister uses in her parfaits. How much will 5 tubs of Yorgurtlicious with this deal and your coupons?

Which brand of yogurt will you purchase? \_\_\_\_\_

## Compare and Save! #6

Each person in your family takes a multi-vitamin daily. Everyone is running low on vitamins and need you to purchase a replacement bottle for them at the grocery store. The vitamin aisle at your grocery store is a bit overwhelming with so many brands of vitamins to choose from. Each person in the family has a specific brand that they use but you are not convinced that they are the best vitamins at the best price. You are on the hunt for both value and a bargain price. It's Time To Compare and Save!

Your mother's brand of vitamins costs \$11.55 per bottle of 60 vitamins (2 months worth). You have a \$0.50 off coupon for this brand. The bottle is also on sale for \$10.48. What is the total price of your mother's vitamins?

Your father's brand of vitamins costs \$9.40 for a bottle of 60 vitamins (2 months worth). The coupon that you have is a buy one, get one half-off. What is the cost for both bottles of vitamins?

You sister's vitamins are also on sale for half-off. The regular price of her vitamins is \$7.60 for a bottle that will last her two months. You also have a \$0.75 off coupon. What is the price of your sister's vitamins?

Your brand of vitamins is regularly priced at \$6.20 for bottle that will last you two months. You have a coupon for half-off of two bottles. What is the price for both bottles of vitamins?

Though everyone in your family has their own brand of vitamins, there is a new promotional product one. The brand is called Healthy Family and they have a value packet with large bottles for your mother, father, sister and you. Each bottle is large and contains 120 vitamins – enough to last you up to four months. The value pack of Healthy Family costs \$60.35.

Is purchasing the Healthy Family value pack the better bargain? If so, how much do you save by purchasing 4 month's worth of vitamins for the entire family?

If the Healthy Family value pack is not a great bargain, how much are you saving but purchasing two bottles of each person's individual brand? \_\_\_\_\_

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