

Possible Solutions

Cassi earns \$5 each week for doing her household chores. This Saturday Cassi is going to the mall and taking the \$8 she has in her piggy bank and the \$5 she earned for this week. Below are the items she wants to buy.

Cupcake	\$3
Gum	\$1
Sunglasses	\$20
Candy Bar	\$1
Bike	\$45

a) Which of the items could she spend her money on now?

Candy bar
Cupcake
Gum

b) Which items will she need to continue to save for? Explain why saving is a good choice, rather than spending, to help her buy these items one day.

Jacket
Bike
Sunglasses

Instead of spending all her money now, it would be a good choice to only spend a little and add the rest to her piggy bank. The more she can save each week, the larger the amount in her piggy bank will grow and the sooner she will have the money for these bigger and better items that she wants. These items she will also be able to enjoy for a longer time than the candy, gum, or cupcake.