

Calculators and Money

**Family Note**

In today's lesson, your child used a calculator to solve problems with money. In Problem 2, your child will ask you or another adult to compare the cost of an item when you were a child to its current cost. There are two ways to make this type of comparison. You might describe a *difference comparison*. For example: "A bicycle costs about \$90.00 more now than it did then." You might also use a *ratio comparison*. For example, "A bicycle costs about 4 times as much now as it did then." You do not need to share the terms *difference comparison* and *ratio comparison* with your child, but it is important that your child be exposed to both types of comparisons.

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1. Enter the following amounts into your calculator.
What does your calculator show?

Enter	Calculator Shows
\$1.09	_____
\$2.50	_____
98¢	_____
\$3.18	_____
6¢	_____

2. Ask an adult to think about an item that he or she remembers from when he or she was a child. Ask the adult to compare how much the item cost then and now. Record what you find out.

Practice

Solve.

3. $37 + 39 =$ _____

4. $49 + 23 =$ _____

5. $73 - 29 =$ _____

6. $56 - 38 =$ _____