

**EXAMPLE:**

Olivia is headed on vacation! She doesn't want to pay the fee to ship her luggage to the vacation home so she will be carrying it onto the plane. However, she recently hurt her back and has been instructed not to lift anything over 10 pounds. The bag will be containing precious, personal items. While Olivia knows it's a long walk through the airport, she knows it will be worth it to carry her bag as it saves money on checked luggage!

What type of carryon bag should Olivia look for? What specific features should her bag have?

**EXAMPLE:**

The Georgia 4-H Club decided they needed to have a fundraiser to earn money to support their new community service project. They need \$200 to purchase plants and flowers for a landscaping project as a part of National 4-H week.

A committee has been assigned the task of suggesting a plan to the club. The club would like the fund-raising effort to be simple, short-term, require minimal money to operate, and involve club members of all ages. Some proposed ideas were a pre-order t-shirt sale, bake sale, car wash, or rummage/yard sale.

What should the committee recommend to the club?

**EXAMPLE:**

The local 4-H club received \$500 from their Farm Bureau for a community service project. Options on how to spend the money were discussed at the monthly club meeting. They want to do a project that involves all of the club members and benefits a large number of people in their community. They also thought it would be great if the project could be intergenerational and involve working with people of different age groups. However, they are having a hard time deciding which project idea they should support.

Adam has recently been taking visiting the local park and thinks the picnic tables at the park are in bad shape. He would like to see the shop project members in the club build some new picnic tables that the other club members help paint them. However, Nick thinks the animal shelter really needs help as they have limited dog food supply going into the holiday season. They could donate the money and have the 4-H club members volunteer time at the animal shelter.

Another idea came from Sally. Sally is a student helper in a pre-school classroom. She would like to use the money to make blankets and pillows for the children to use at nap time. She shared the idea with her grandma who is a member of a local quilt club. Sally's grandma thought maybe the 4-H members could work with the quilt club members to make the blankets and pillows.

What do you think the club should do with the \$500 donation?

**EXAMPLE:**

Jacob's 4-H club is planning to attend a national dog show in the cities. They need to raise \$300 within the next two months to help cover the costs of the trip. The fundraising committee met last week and brainstormed on ideas but had a difficult time sorting through all the options. The committee decided they wanted to select a fundraising option that was easy to do, that provided high proceeds and required minimal input.

One committee member suggested they hold a bake sale at the grocery store on Saturday. Another member shared that he was asked if the club could operate a lunch stand at the large basketball tournament to be held in town next month.

Another member shared that last year their church youth group had done a raffle and they made quite a bit of money. Someone else shared that their aunt was a Tupperware dealer who helped groups with fund raisers, and they were aware that Pampered Chef and other companies offered similar options as well. They could also consider selling products such as candy bars, fruit, Christmas trees/wreaths, etc.

Help this committee sort through the various options, considering pros and cons and make a plan to raise the needed funds

**EXAMPLE:**

Kendra will be a freshman in college this fall. Since it is already July, she begins to look at her school expenses, she knows that this is the time to purchase her laptop. Kendra has been working this summer as a waitress at a local restaurant. She knows she wants to purchase a laptop, so she has saved \$450 for the purchase and her parents said they would give her \$100 if she waited until September to make the laptop purchase. Any extra money she has that she made this summer can go towards decorating her dorm room!

There will be a laptop rep selling laptops at a discounted rate at her school the third week in August. The basic class laptop will cost Kendra approximately \$375. The laptop includes all the basic programming and a few additional programs. Additionally, she can add on a laptop case for an additional \$20. However, the program is on a first come, first serve basis.

Yesterday when Kendra was doing her back-to-school shopping she stopped at the local store. The basic laptop with programming was on sale for \$400. The carrying case was also on sale for \$15. But the sale is only good until the end of August.

Kendra also saw an ad where she can sign up to make payments on a laptop. She will make monthly of \$100 for the next 4 months. She doesn't get the laptop until its paid but it does come with all the basic programming plus many other added programs. It is also a nicer laptop since it has a larger screen.

Which should Kendra choose?