



SHOP FOR HANUKKAH/CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

Toys are not cheap. At Hanukkah and Christmas time, many parents find themselves with too little money to purchase the toys they would like to give to their children. Today, you will experience a little bit of this dilemma (problem). Please read the information below which gives you the number and gender (boys or girls) of **YOUR** children. Your job is to choose the best toys you can for **YOUR CHILDREN** from the Toys-r-Us Toy Catalog.

Everyone will be given **\$250** of Hanukkah/Christmas Spending money, BUT, the number and gender of children will not all be the same. It's a lot like real life. Some families have more to spend on each child, while others have less.

Write down the toy purchases you have chosen in the space provided below. Give the age and gender of your child, the name of the toy item, and its cost. Total the costs of all your purchases. Remember, you may **NOT** exceed (go over) your budget of \$250!

This is **NOT** a race to see how many toys you can buy. You are a parent, and what you want is to choose the **best toys** that you can for your children!

Finally, after doing this little bit of holiday shopping math, **WRITE** at least three paragraphs that **EXPLAIN** the reasons for your choices. Use this title: "**Toys for My Children.**" (Use a black, erasable pen!)

Happy Holiday Shopping!!! You Have \$250 to Spend!

Age of Child	Gender of Child	Toy Choice	Toy Cost
4-years	girl, Olivia	<i>LeapPad Plus & 28" Care Bear</i>	\$79.98
9-years	boy, Adam	<i>Magnetix X-treme, Lego Alpha Mobile</i>	\$69.98
7-years	girl, Mindy	<i>Cabbage Patch Doll, Easy-Bake Oven, & Go-Go My So Real Puppy</i>	\$49.97
Our Family	Mom, Dad, Kids	<i>Cadoo, Jenga, Candyland</i>	\$19.93
		Total Cost	\$219.86



Toys for My
Three
Children on a
\$250 Budget

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The Economy seems to have affected everyone, including our family, but I'm determined to make this a wonderful Christmas for my children. Although my entire Christmas budget is only \$250, I'm sure I can find something special for each one of them. I'll shop wisely, look for deals in the *Toys R Us* catalog, check the Internet for bargains, and maybe, even consider buying something on e-Bay. But one thing is for certain: there's no way I'm going to disappoint, Olivia, Adam, and Mindy.

My daughter, Olivia, is a remarkable little girl. Although she's just four, she is in love with books and teddy bears. Santa will be bringing her the *LeapPad Plus Writing* with a microphone. While she's wearing down the batteries on the *LeapPad*, she'll be able to cuddle up with her second gift—one of those cool, retro



Care Bears. I thought the *LeapPad* would be fun for Olivia to play with when all



her family is on the computer. She can learn how to write the alphabet, how to spell some short words and more. By the time she goes to kindergarten, she'll be a baby genius.

As for the *CareBear*, not much beats a cushy, stuffed animal when it's time for bed.



Adam's gifts were more of a challenge. He's nine years old and loves to build things. (He's also quite opinionated about things.) I finally thought of the perfect person to help me to come up with some good gift ideas for him—his nine-



year old cousin, James, who lives in New York. James said that he was sure Adam would have no complaints if I added to his *Lego* collection. He also suggested that I could buy him the *Magnetix X-treme* set. It's not just another box of *Legos*. Although Adam would still be

able to build all sorts of neat things with it, just like he could with *Legos*, *Magnetix* works with these really neat magnetic balls and struts. I saw some *Magnetix* put together and I was even itching to try it myself. Who can resist magnets? I also got Adam the *Lego Technic 4WD Vehicle*.



Someone told me that there's a way you can control the *Technic* sets with your computer. I thought about buying Adam a couple of *Bionicles*, but it would have put me over budget.

Mindy, my seven-year old, still likes dressing up, playing with dolls, and playing house. I'm sure she'll get a kick out the *Cabbage Patch* doll I chose for

her. These dolls come with adoption papers and their own, funny little names. Because Mindy has so many allergies, we





can't have a real pet, so I chose the *Go Go My So Real Puppy* for her. I think she'll have a lot of fun with her new "robo-pet," and there'll be no worries about backyard cleanups. At the last minute, I found a great deal on something really awesome for her—an *Easy-Bake Oven*. The neat thing about the oven is that it really works. Mindy will be able to make little cupcakes and cookies until her heart's content.

Okay, after buying all those presents, I decided to buy some board games for our family. In fact, I decided that starting with this Christmas, our family will begin a new tradition of playing a board game once a week. I picked *Cadoo* which will be fun and challenging for everyone but Olivia. I also picked *Jenga* and *Candyland* which even Olivia can play. The \$30.00 that's left over from my big holiday shopping spree will go to buying pizzas for a couple of our new family Game Nights. After being so worried about what I could buy with a \$250 budget, I think my choices were good ones—ones that even real-live kids would enjoy.