

Be a Smart Shopper

Read this passage. Then use it to answer the Reading Comprehension questions.

- 1. More than a number** When you shop, you compare prices. Sometimes, however, the item with the lowest cost may not be the best one for you.
- 2. How will it help me?** It is important to look at the **benefits** of an item you want to buy. A benefit is something that will help you.
- 3. Counting the costs** Choosing one item over another means there will be a **trade-off**. What you give up when you choose one thing over another is called the **opportunity cost**.
- 4. Putting ideas to work** When you shop, try to compare the benefits of different items as well as their prices. Give yourself time to think about the trade-offs before you buy.

