



Savings Accounts
Student Activity Packet
UNIT: BANKING

Name:

Students will be able to:

- Explain the difference between a checking and savings account
- Compare different savings vehicles such as a savings account, CD, and money market account
- Identify important criteria to consider when selecting a savings account

NOTE: Vocabulary for this unit can be found in the [NGPF Personal Finance Dictionary](#)



DATA CRUNCH: [What is the U.S. Savings Rate?](#)

Analyze the image on the worksheet to answer the questions on this Data Crunch.



VIDEO: [What's the Difference Between Checking & Savings?](#)

You may be tempted to think you're all set once you have a checking account, but it's important to have a savings account, too. Why do you need both? Watch this video about the differences between checking and savings accounts. Then, answer the questions.

1. What are the main differences between a checking and savings account?

VIDEO: [Compound Interest Explained](#)

Albert Einstein once called compound interest the eighth wonder of the world! It's a powerful tool for helping your savings account grow. What is compound interest? How can you use it to increase your savings? Watch the video. Then, answer the questions.

1. How does the age that a person starts saving impact the amount they can earn in compound interest?
2. Ben is comparing savings accounts at different banks and finds that most traditional savings accounts are offering an interest rate of less than 1%. How does this low interest rate impact the power of compounding?

ARTICLE: [Finances 101: Tips on Opening a Savings Account](#)

Now that we know about the difference between checking accounts and savings accounts and why savings accounts are useful, it's time to pick one! Read this brief article about selecting a savings account. Then, answer the questions.

1. What saving account features does the article recommend inquiring about?
2. What account fees should you avoid with savings accounts?



DO IT

ACTIVITY: [COMPARE: Types of Saving Accounts](#)

There are a lot of different types of saving accounts. Let's take a deep dive into these accounts and when they'll be most beneficial for you. Follow the directions on the worksheet to complete this activity.



EXIT TICKET

Follow your teacher's directions to complete the Exit Ticket.