

◇ Unit 7  
Extend Your Relationships

**Building Academic Skills**

*Math*

**DATES AND DOLLARS**

Dating is a great way to get to know people and to have fun at the same time. Dating presents many opportunities for decision-making — whom to date, when to go out, and where to go — just to name a few. The costs of dating must be a factor in dating decisions as well.

Who pays the expenses on a date? The answer depends on the person you ask. Young people’s expectations for male and female dating roles depend largely on their family, community, and ethnic background. Some males are happy to have the female pay half of the expenses. Other people may think that it is the male’s role to pay all expenses. The important thing to remember is that both the male and female should be sensitive to the other’s views. They should not assume that their views are the same.

**Directions:** Regardless of who is paying, costs should be considered by both parties. Fill in the blanks below to get a clearer picture of what a date might cost. Then in the box, plan one date that you would enjoy, itemizing the costs involved and computing the total cost.

**What do these typically cost for two people on a date?**

- Meal \_\_\_\_\_
- Snacks \_\_\_\_\_
- Skating \_\_\_\_\_
- Dance \_\_\_\_\_
- Movie \_\_\_\_\_
- Ballgame \_\_\_\_\_
- Bowling \_\_\_\_\_
- Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Costs for One Date</b>	
<b>Plan:</b> _____	
_____	
<b>Costs:</b>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____