

Jesse's Decision-Making Grid

Alternatives	Criteria				
	Costs \$50 or less?	Durable?	Will parents approve?	Future expense unnecessary?	Can use anytime?
Several CDs	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Concert tickets	yes	no	no	no	no
CD player	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Soccer ball	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Jeans	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

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Using Tables A decision-making grid is a good way to list and then evaluate alternatives when a decision must be made. **What do economists mean when they talk about costs?**