Post-primary school A - Lesson 2: Using shopping receipts to carry out calculations in mathematics

Sample teaching and learning activities

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Junior Certificate subjects	Topics	PLUs	Elements	Learning outcomes		
Maths	Money	Numeracy	Managing money	Recognise frequently used Euro notes and coins Explain a shopping receipt, in relation to what was bought, money tendered and correct change given Recognise the difference between using money to buy essential items and luxury items		
Keywords	Essential, Luxury, estimate, receipt, calculate, total					
Pre-learning	Students should be familiar with using a calculator for the purpose of addition and subtraction. The key words should also be familiar to the level 2 student prior to this lesson.					
Resources	Internet, receipts, some luxury and essential items http://www.ecb.eu./euro/html/eurocoins.en.html visual for euro coins & notes (1) Luxury or essential items Worksheet (2) Receipts Worksheets 1-3 (3)					
Brief description of the lesson	Students begin by looking at euro coins and notes and progress onto identifying luxury and essential items and estimating the cost of these items. Students then work with receipts to add subtract multiply and divide to get an end result of either a total or the price of a missing item.					
Introduction	The teacher puts up a website (1) on the data projector to show euro notes and coins. Brief discussion around this topic.					

Main activity	Students are divided into pairs to estimate the cost of common shopping items. They are asked to record their estimate in a copy.						
	Two stations of luxury items and essential items are set up and students						
	investigate the items and guess their prices. Feedback from students to the teacher creates a group discussion.						
	Students given a worksheet (2) to decide on what a luxury item is and what are essential item is. Students are divided into small groups and are given 3 "receipts" worksheets (3). Prior to students beginning work on the receipt worksheets, the teacher will discuss the structure of a receipt: items, total, date, shop title etc. The 1 st receipt worksheet has a list of items and they must estimate the total. The level two students will use the calculator to check if the group are correct						
	The 2 nd receipt worksheet has the total and the cash paid. The group must estimate the change.						
	The 3 rd receipt worksheet has a list of items and the students must estimate the price of a missing item.						
Closure	Teacher recaps on main points by questioning the students on their ability to identify luxury and essential items, using the props from the main activity. The students are also questioned on receipt structure and calculations completed.						
Follow up Lessons/Activities	Resource classes should be used to actually go to the shop and purchase items						
Gathering	The worksheet worked on during class could be kept for the portfolio.						
evidence of learning	Photos of successful transactions at the shops could be taken						
	Video of the student explaining the receipt						
Criteria for	Can the student identify four of the	Yes/No					
success	follow information on the receipt?						
	Date						
	Shop						
	Items bought						
	Money tendered						
	Change given						