



Up in Smoke

Directions: Read the story, then answer the questions. Write your answer in the space provided or circle the letter next to the correct answer.

How much money does it cost to smoke? There are several different ways to estimate the cost. If the average smoker smokes a pack and a half of cigarettes a day at a cost of \$2.50 per pack, the annual cost for cigarettes is over \$1360. But there are more costs to consider than just the price of cigarettes. Research has shown that smokers pay high health, car and life insurance, pay more in health costs the longer they smoke, and more for dental care. Besides the money spent by smokers, additional money is spent by everyone regardless of whether they smoke or not. The cleanup costs for cigarette trash are enormous as well as the amount of money spent on cleaning the air and environment. Another way to look at the cost of smoking is to figure in the amount of money spent on smoking-related illnesses. It is estimated that for every pack of cigarettes sold, about \$4.00 is spent on medical care and other smoke-related expenses. Some costs connected with smoking can hardly be calculated. What kind of price tag would you put on the cost of the lives lost to smoking-related diseases and household fires associated with smoking?

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1. Based on information in the selection, which of the following costs are associated with smoking? Circle as many as apply.
 - a. the price of tobacco products
 - b. health and life insurance
 - c. medical expenses
 - d. education
 - e. fires caused by careless smoking

 2. Calculate how much it would cost for cigarettes (assuming the price remained the same) if a person smoked a pack and a half of cigarettes a day over a ten year period.

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3. In ten years, what would be the smoke-related costs(based on average consumption) to a smoker in addition to the cost of buying cigarettes?

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4. How could you figure out how much it costs a person to smoke over a lifetime?
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FCAT Writing

Describe how you could graph a smoker's costs for various categories (tobacco products, clean up, health, accidents, etc.).