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## choosing a checking account

## name of bank:

## branch information

- Branch nearest your home:
- Branch nearest your work:
- Number of branches:


## number of ATMs:

## bank hours:

## are your funds insured?

## types of accounts:

## fees:

- Must maintain a minimum daily balance of:
- Must maintain an average daily balance of:
- Monthly maintenance charge:


## interest:

- How much interest do you earn on your account?
- How is it calculated?
charges:

| checks: | balance inquiries: |
| :---: | :---: |
| Printing checks | At teller window |
| Bouncing checks | At ATMs |
| Stopping checks | By phone |
| Certifying checks |  |
| withdrawals at: | special services: |
| Teller window | Fund transfer by phone |
| Bank-owned ATMs | Pre-authorized bill payment |
| Regional network ATMs | Signature guarantee |
| National network ATMs | Bill payment by phone |
| International network ATMs | Check card |
| deposits: |  |

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## keeping a running balance

## record deposits and keep a running balance in the checkbook register below.

1. On May 26, your balance is $\$ 527.96$.
2. On May 27, you write check \#107 to your landlord, Mrs.Wilson, for $\$ 226.00$.
3. On May 28, you use your check card at Foodland for $\$ 22.52$.
4. On June 1, you write a check for $\$ 156.32$ to Bank of Illinois for your car payment.
5. On June 1, you realize your check to the Bank of Illinois should have been for $\$ 165.23$, so you void the first check and write a new check for $\$ 165.23$.
6. On June 2, you write a check to Interstate Phone Service for $\$ 62.77$.
7. On June 2, you use your ATM card to withdraw $\$ 20.00$.
8. On June 15 , your paycheck for $\$ 425.00$ is automatically deposited.
9. On June 15 , you use your check card at Gifts Plus to buy a $\$ 18.99$ birthday present for your mother.
10. On June 15, you write a check for $\$ 246.45$ to State Ranch to cover car insurance premium.
11. On June 22, you transfer $\$ 100.00$ online from your checking account to your savings account.
12. On June 24, you use your check card at Gas Up to fill up your car. You spend $\$ 12.88$.
13. On June 28, you use your ATM card to withdraw $\$ 30.00$ from your checking account.


## keeping a running balance (continued)



## use the check register you just completed to answer the following questions:

1. What was your account balance on May 30?
2. Could you have paid your car insurance payment on June 1 instead of June 15? If not, why?
3. The love of your life has been in a bad mood lately, and you think an expensive present might help. You've found a leather jacket on sale for $\$ 189.00$. Can you afford to buy the jacket on June 8? What will your account balance be if you do?
4. The hottest new band in town has just released a CD. It costs $\$ 21.99$. Can you afford to buy the CD on June 2? What will your account balance be if you do?
5. What was your account balance after you withdrew $\$ 30.00$ on June 28?
6. What was the amount of check \#111, to whom did you write it, and for what?
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## reading a bank statement

## using the bank statement on the next page, answer the following questions:

1. What period does this statement cover?
2. What is the account number of this statement?
3. How many deposits were made and what were the amounts?
4. How many checks cleared and what was the total dollar amount of the checks that cleared?
5. Was there any ATM activity? If so, how many transactions were there, and what was the total amount?
6. Was there any check card activity? If so, how many transactions were there, and what was the total amount?
7. Were there any service charges? If so, what was the total amount?
8. What is the total of all withdrawals (checks, ATM transactions, check card transactions, service charges)?
9. What is the new balance of the account?
10. Did check \#182 clear?
11. What was the amount of check \#183?
12. Did check \#185 clear?
13. What was the amount of check \#187?

## reading a bank statement (continued)



STATEMENT FOR
Jane Doe
4 Primrose Lane
Anytown, USA
THIS STATEMENT COVERS
12/20/07 through 1/18/08

| CHECKING ACCOUNT 0471-678 | Previous Statement Balance On 12/19/07 <br> Total of 3 Deposits For <br> Total of 10 Withdrawals For <br> Total Service Charges |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 612.04 \\ 1,980.68+ \\ 1,705.25- \\ 3.50- \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | New Balance |  |  |  |  | $883.97+$ |
| CHECKS AND OTHER DEBITS | CHECK | DATE PAID | AMOUNT | CHECK | DATE PAID | AMOUNT |
|  | 181 | 12/24 | 15.00 | 184 | $12 / 17$ | 1232.27 |
|  | 182 | 1/04 | 17.00 | *186 | 12/31 | 54.47 |
|  | 183 | 12/26 | 217.54 | 187 | 1/03 | 53.97 |
|  | Monthly Maintenance Charge |  |  |  | 1/18 | 3.50 |
|  | Withdrawal \#00281 at ATM \#423A Withdrawal \#02628 at ATM \#423A Withdrawal \#08744 at ATM \#430E Withdrawal \#02456 Check Card |  |  |  | 12/24 | 40.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 12/31 | 20.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1/15 | 20.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1/16 | 35.00 |
| DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS |  |  |  |  | DATE POSTED | AMOUNT |
|  | Transfer from 4039-557 at ATM \#423C Customer Deposit at ATM\#423A on 1/12 |  |  |  | 12/27 | 1200.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1/14 | 521.78 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1/18 | 258.90 |


| ATM | 423A: 2500 Centre Plaza, Anytown, USA |
| :---: | :---: |
| LOCATIONS | 423C: 2500 Centre Plaza, Anytown, USA |
| USED | 430E: 945 Hamilton Ave., Big City, USA |

## use the bank statement, check register, and reconciliation worksheet on this and the following page to balance this checkbook.

|  |  | THIS STATEMENT COVERS 6/20/08 through 7/19/08 |  |
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| CHECKING ACCOUNT 0471-678 | Previous Statement Balance On 6/19/08 |  | 180.67 |
|  | Total of 1 Deposits For |  | $1200.00+$ |
|  | Total of 6 Whthdrawals For |  | 1248.98 = |
|  | Total Servioe Charges |  | 0.00 = |
|  | New Balanoe |  | $103.69+$ |
| CHECKS AND OTHER DEBITS | CHECK | DATE PAD | AMOUNT |
|  | 161 | $6 / 21$ | 216.30 |
|  | 182 | $6 / 26$ | 82.87 |
|  | 163 | 6129 | 1000.00 |
|  | ATM Wilhdrawal | 618 | 35.00 |
|  | ATM Willhdrawal \$00476 at ATM \$426B | $6 / 25$ | 20.00 |
|  | Check Card 400636 Foodlend EFT | 618 | 85.00 |
|  | Cheok Card 001275 EZ-Shoppe | 6/26 | 84.11 |
| DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS | Transfer from 4039-567 al ATM \$4z3C | DATE POSTED 6/23 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ANOUNT } \\ & 1200.00 \end{aligned}$ |


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|  |  | grases |  |  | 22369 |  |
| 164 | 7.5 | CDFlaz | 2637 |  | $26 \mathrm{3t}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 7758 |  |
| 165 | $7 / 4$ | Luarflm, Itd | 1000 |  | 000 |  |
|  |  | Morky hland T -atht |  |  | 6738 |  |
| AJM | 779 | cepost |  | $253 \pi$ | 26317 |  |
|  |  | mycheck |  |  | 50055 |  |
| $\bigcirc$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


enter
The New Balance shown
on your statement
add
Any deposits or transfers listed in your register that are not shown on your statement
total
calculate the subtotal

## subtract

Your total outstanding checks and withdrawals
\$ $\qquad$
\$ $\qquad$
\$ \$ $\qquad$
+\$ $\qquad$
$\qquad$
-\$ $\qquad$
calculate the ending balance
This amount should be the same as the current balance in your check register
\$ $\qquad$

## use the information on this and the previous page, answer the following questions:

1. What is the new balance shown on the statement?
2. What is the total amount of deposits listed in the check register but not shown on the statement?
3. What is the sum of the new balance and the deposits not shown on the statement?
4. What is the total amount of outstanding checks and withdrawals?
5. What is the ending balance?
 check below by following these 6 simple steps.

6. Enter the date in the blank in upper right corner. Include the month, the date, and the year. You can write out the date, January 4, 201X or you can use all numbers 01/04/1X.
7. Write the name of the person or company you are paying on the Pay to the order of blank. Get the spelling right.
8. 

To the right of the Pay to the order of blank is a blank with a dollar sign. Using numbers, write the amount in dollars and cents. Be sure to clearly place the decimal point between the dollar numerals and the cents numerals. For example: \$32.15.

The next line is used to confirm the amount of the check, just in case your handwriting is hard to read on the dollar-sign blank. In clear handwriting, write out the amount using words and fractions. Write out the dollar amount. Then add "and" followed by the cents amount written as a fraction. Put the cents in the numerator's position and 100 in the denominator's position. For example: Thirty-two dollars and 15/100. If you have any room left, draw a line to the end of the blank so no one can add to what you've written on that blank.

- The Memo line in the lower left hand corner is a reminder line. You can write "jeans" on this line, for example. If you write several checks to the same place, like a department store, this line helps you identify which check paid for jeans, which check paid for shoes, and which one bought socks and a sweatshirt. Memo lines help you stay organized.

6. The signature line, the line in the lower right corner of the check is where you write, not print, your name. Decide how you are going to sign your name and then sign the same way on all your checks. This is a formal document, so you probably want to sign it Thomas or Amanda rather than Tom or Mandy. Your bank will keep your signature on file as a way to verify your signature on checks and other documents.

## And you are done!

## CHECK WRITING PRACTICE

Directions: Write a check to each of the following:

MoneyInstructor.com Bank
1221 Main Street
Anywhere, US 10001
FOR $\qquad$
DATE
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DOLLARS
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$0101^{117}$

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& \text { PAY TO THE } \\
& \text { ORDER OF }
\end{aligned}
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Agoura High Student
DATE
$\qquad$ \$ $\qquad$
DOLLARS
MoneyInstructor.com Bank
1221 Main Street
Anywhere, US 10001
FOR $\qquad$

Agoura High Student
DATE
Agoura, CA 91301
PAY TO THE
ORDER OF $\qquad$ \$ $\qquad$ DOLLARS


MoneyInstructor.com Bank
1221 Main Street
Anywhere, US 10001

FOR

