

Money Maths – Balancing Budgets

It's the school half-term break. Nicki is a 14 year old student who wants to have fun with her friends, but is also trying to save money for a holiday. She lines up some odd jobs and keeps a diary showing what she earns and spends each day:

	Budget
Saturday	
Pocket money: £20	
Cinema tickets: £3.75 (sharing a 2-for-1 offer with Anisha)	
Sunday	
Gardening for neighbour: £15	
Packet of crisps: £0.45	
Monday	
Shopping - bought new top: £11.95	
Bus ticket: £0.90	
Tuesday	
Gift for Coralie's birthday: £14.50	
Babysitting: £5 per hour (4 hours)	
Wednesday	
Bus ticket: £0.90	
Lunch with friends: £8.75	
Babysitting: £5 per hour (4.5 hours)	
Thursday	
Day out at theme park with family:	
Train ticket: £3.50	
Entrance ticket: £19 (got discount by purchasing ticket online)	
Lunch: £4.73	
Gift shop purchases: £3.15	
Friday	
Car washing for Uncle Dave: £10	
Rented DVD: £3.50	
Saturday	
Pocket money: £20	
Shopping - bought CD: £9.99	
Bus ticket: £0.90	
Babysitting: £6.50 per hour - she's paid extra at weekends (6 hours)	
Sunday	
Picnic with family: contributed £5 towards food items	
	Total

Can you help Nicki to keep a running total of her balance at the end of each day?

1. Create a simple budget sheet for Nicki, so she can easily see what she has earned and spent.
2. What was Nicki's total balance at the end of the week that she could save towards her holiday?