

SAMPLE SHOEBOX BUDGET

Earning Categories	Actual		Budget
Paycheque (3/05)	1,200.00		1,200.00
Birthday money from Nanna	20.00		0
Paycheque (3/19)	1,200.00		1,200.00
Bill repaid the money I lent him	25.00		0
TOTAL	\$2,445.00		\$2,400.00

Expense Categories	Actual	Reduce My Spending By	Budget
Cable/Internet	45.00	Not sure	45.00
Car (other)	0	n/a	0
Cell phone	46.17	Text and calls within my limit (save \$12)	34.17
Clothing	89.63	No new clothes this month! (save \$89.63)	0
Coffee shop	31.89	One less coffee per week (save \$6.50)	25.39
Gas (car)	48.25	Take the bus 1x per week (save 1/7th or \$7)	41.25
Heat/electricity	44.57	Try to conserve (save \$5?)	39.57
Household	27.44	Not sure	27.44
Junk food/restaurants	162.00	Eat at home Fridays (save \$32)	130.00
Rent	450.00	n/a	450.00
School supplies	0	Will need a few things next month (add \$10)	10.00
Videos	41.80	Get rentals from library (Save \$41.80)	0
Real food	277.36	Buy less junk food (Save \$40)	237.36
Flexible		5% of \$2,400	120.00
TOTAL	\$1,264.11		\$1,160.18

SHOEBOX BUDGET WORKSHEET

Earning Categories	Actual		Budget
TOTAL			

Expense Categories	Actual	Reduce My Spending By	Budget
Flexible		5% of \$ _____	
TOTAL			



Your budget will be more accurate if you accumulate your receipts for three months. Follow the same steps; just divide your category totals by three (or the number of months you've been accumulating receipts).