**Checking the Balance**

**Financial Literacy**

**Unit 1 Line Master 5a**

1. Create a bank statement that includes at least 13 transactions that you could make over one month. Be sure to include:

* The starting balance
* Purchases (clothing, groceries, takeout food, etc.)
* Deposits (payroll, gifts)
* Bill payments (rent, cell phone, etc.)
* A monthly fee
* The ending balance

Be realistic!

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| **Bank Statement** |
| **Date** | **Details** | **Withdrawals ($)** | **Deposits ($)** | **Balance ($)** |
|   | Starting Balance |   |   |   |
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|   | Ending Balance |   |   |   |

 **Checking the Balance** (cont’d)

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2. Estimate the total of your monthly expenses and income to check if your ending balance seems reasonable. Explain your thinking.

3. Group your withdrawals into these categories. You can also make or add your own categories.

* Housing and Utilities
* Food
* Entertainment
* Fees

How much did you spend in each category?