Party Time

TREND

Approach: Station *Level:* Year 4

Focus: Adding costs and calculating change, with calculator available.

Resources: Priced packets of candles ($1.00), balloons ($1.25), sweet bags ($1.10) and invitations ($ .95); calculator.

Questions/instructions:		% responses 2001 ('97) year 4	2001 ('97)
You have some shopping for a birthday party. balloons, invitation cards, candles, sweet bags			
1. How much do the 4 packets cost altogether?			
Answer: $4.30		42 (46)	
2. If you had $5 to pay for the shopping, how much change should you get?			
Answer:			
correct, given answer in 1		38 (31)	
3. If you had $10 to pay for the shopping, how much change should you get?			
Answer:			
correct, given answer in 1		32 (32)	
Total score:	3	21 (19)	
	2	16 (13)	
	1	16 (26)	
	0	47 (42)	

Commentary

Even with a calculator available, less than half the students correctly totalled the four prices. Fewer calculated the change appropriately.