Snacks Trend Task:

Independent

Answer booklet

Money computations



4 & 8

Questions / instructions:



Imagine that you have \$5.

You are going to buy three of these snacks.

You only buy one of each type of snack.

1. Draw a ring around the snacks you would buy. How much would the snacks you have chosen cost altogether?

correct calculation of three snacks shown as a cost

2. How much change would you get from \$5?

correct calculation

% response 2005 ('01)	
year 4	year 8

53 (59) 79 (78)

74 (76)

24 (30)

Total score:

20 (21) 2 (1)

4 3

2

1

0

2 (3) 31 (32) 16 (18) 0 (2) 2 (6)

46 (40)

16 (14)

65 (63)

Commentary:

Students in year 8 were generally able to calculate the cost of their purchase and determine the change they should receive. Students in year 4 had particular difficulty in determining the change. There was no difference from 2001 to 2005.