

Approach: Station  
 Focus: Money computations  
 Resources: Picture, calculator, answer booklet

**Questions / instructions:**

You have an advertisement from a shop that tells you the prices of some stationery.

Here is a shopping list. Work out how much this stationery will cost. You can use a calculator if you want to.



**YEAR 4:**

**Shopping List**

- 1 fibre tip pen
- 1 refillable clear book
- 1 craft punch
- 1 packet of crayons

- This stationery will cost: **\$12.96** 28 (35)  
**\$11.96 – \$12.95 or \$12.97 – \$13.96** 36 (31)
- You have \$20 to buy this stationery. How much change would you get?  
**\$20.00 minus answer to question 1** 37 (29)  
**within \$1.00 of \$20.00 minus answer to question 1** 22 (16)

**Y4 Total Score:**

4	9 (9)
3	26 (19)
2	30 (35)
1	11 (13)
0	24 (24)

% response  
2009 ('05)  
year 4

**YEAR 8:**

**Shopping List**

- 2 fibre tip pens
- 1 refillable clear book
- 1 craft punch
- 2 packets of crayons

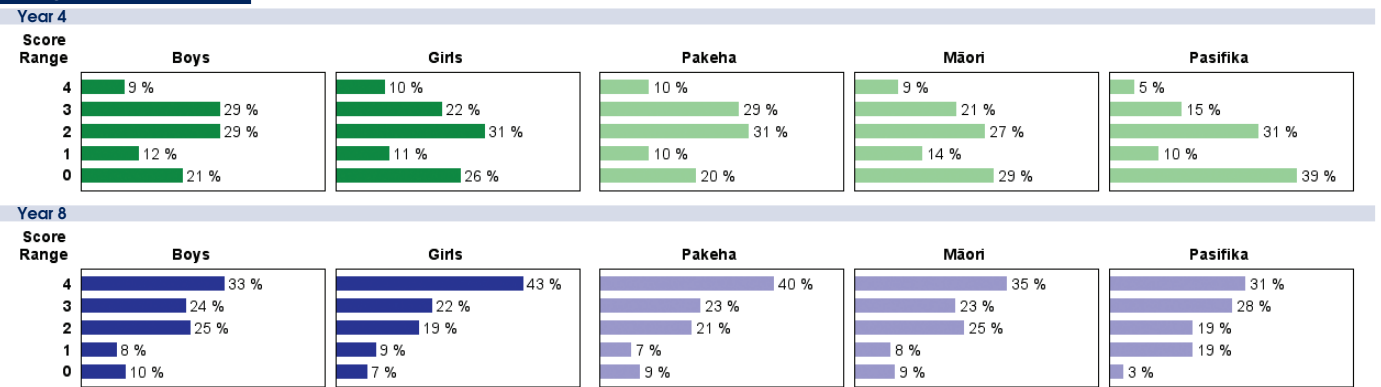
- This stationery will cost: **\$17.44** 47 (54)  
**\$16.44 – \$17.43 or \$17.45 – \$18.44** 22 (19)
- You have \$20 to buy this stationery. How much change would you get?  
**\$20.00 minus answer to question 1** 70 (75)  
**within \$1.00 of \$20.00 minus answer to question 1** 18 (15)

**Y8 Total Score:**

4	38 (46)
3	23 (18)
2	22 (24)
1	8 (6)
0	9 (6)

% response  
2009 ('05)  
year 8

**Subgroup Analyses:**



**Commentary:**

Quite a lot of year 8 students forgot to double the cost of the pens and crayons, and computational errors were reasonably common at both year levels. There was no meaningful change of performance from 2005 to 2009. Māori students performed similarly to Pakeha students, as did year 8 Pasifika students.