1. When you buy something and pay for it later, you may have to pay an additional amount called **interest**.

Mrs. Smith's credit card purchases totaled \$613.47. The amount she had to pay was \$622.67.



Why did she have to pay more?

2. The advantages of a credit card are:

Fast and easy Accepted almost everywhere Record of all purchases The disadvantages of a credit card are:

May have to pay interest May spend more than you can pay later

Mr. Smith used his credit card to buy a picnic table. What is a reason for using a credit card?

**3.** Besides using cash, here are some other ways people pay for things. All of these use money in a person's checking account.

## Checks

### **Advantages**

- Record of all purchases
- Safe in the mail

#### Disadvantages

- Takes time to fill out
- Not always accepted
- May have bank fees
- Can spend more than you have

#### **Debit Cards**

### **Advantages**

- Fast and easy
- Record of all purchases

## Disadvantages

- · Not always accepted
- Can spend more than you have

# **Electronic Payment**

### Advantages

- Fast and easy
- Record of all purchases
- Safe

# Disadvantages

Need Internet access

What is another way Mr. Smith could have paid for the picnic table? What is an advantage of that method? What is a disadvantage?

# On the Back!

**4.** Lauren's mom wrote a check to pay for Lauren's new clarinet. What is an advantage of using a check? What is a disadvantage?

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# Homework 16-3 Ways to Pay

#### Another Look!

Here are some ways you can pay for things:

- Cash
- Check
- Credit card

Debit card

Electronic payment

Each method of payment has advantages and disadvantages.



Here are some advantages.

Fast and easy:

Cash, credit card, debit card

Statement shows your spending: Credit card, debit card, electronic payment

Accepted almost everywhere: Cash, credit card

Here are some disadvantages.

Could spend more money than you really have:

Check, credit card, debit card

May have to pay fees or interest: Check, credit card, debit card

Need Internet access: Electronic payment

In 1 through 8, tell which method of payment an adult might use for each purchase. Explain why.

1. \$12 for sunglasses

2. \$4.50 for a sandwich

3. \$440.16 for an airplane ticket

4. \$83.26 for an electric bill

5. \$11.88 for music downloads

6. \$150 for soccer camp

**7.** \$0.75 for a pack of gum

8. \$1,089 for a refrigerator