

Shopping at the General Store

The year is **1835**. Your father, who is a farmer, earns about \$9.00 a month. Your family has \$5.00 to spend at the general store. Should you spend all of the money, or save some of it? What would you buy? Think about **wants** and **needs**. You may have to make some tough choices. What if you **need** to spend more than the \$5.00 that you have in cash? What could you barter, or trade? A farmer might buy on credit and pay off his bill when he sells the crops in the fall. (Note: In 1835-1836, there was a half cent coin.)

Merchandise	Price in 1835-1836
Cheese (1 pound)	10 cents
Coffee (1 pound)	20 cents
Sugar (1 pound)	12½ cents
Stick twist (candy)	19 cents
1 set of knives and forks	\$2.00
1 set cups and saucers	38 cents
1 set plates	50 cents
Lantern	50 cents
Corn broom	25 cents
Calico dress	\$1.31
Blue calico cloth (1 yard)	28 cents
Red flannel cloth (1 yard)	62½ cents
Green ribbon (1 yard)	25 cents
Needles (1 dozen)	6 cents
1 necklace	88 cents

Merchandise	Price in 1835-1836
Boots (for men)	\$3.75
Boots (for women)	\$1.50
Bonnet (woman's hat)	\$2.50
Fine hat	\$4.00
Spectacles (eyeglasses)	37½ cents
Comb (wood)	7 cents
Comb (brass)	12½ cents
Ax (for chopping trees)	\$2.00
Rifle (for hunting)	\$6.00
Stove and pipes	\$13.00
Slate pencil	2 cents
Slate (for school)	38 cents
Arithmetic (math) book	50 cents
Spelling book	12½ cents

Can you help the general store clerk sort the mail? List the names in alphabetical order by last name. Each family had their own mail slot at the general store. The postage stamp had not been invented in 1835. When you picked up your mail, **you** paid for the postage.

John Ward
 John Jackson
 Willam Blackburn
 Joseph Edwards
 Joseph Hover
 John F. Cole

Which first name is the most popular? _____