

Chapter 5 Task

Use this worksheet to help you with the Task on page 186.

- 1. a)** Conduct a real estate search. Select a dream home, such as a condominium, a duplex, or a detached house. Save the ad that describes your dream home.

- b)** Round the purchase price to the nearest thousand dollars.

\$_____

- c)** State the annual property taxes, if given. If not given, use 1% of the value of the house and calculate the property taxes. \$_____

- 2. a)** Assume that you are a first time home buyer and can afford the minimum down payment of 5%. Calculate this amount.

- b)** Determine the amount of the mortgage.

- c)** Assume you have to pay mortgage insurance. The cost is 2.75% of the value of the mortgage. Add this amount to your mortgage.

The total mortgage is \$_____.

- 3. a)** Research mortgages by visiting at least 3 financial institutions online. Decide on the best fixed rate mortgage for you.

- What is the interest rate? ____%
- What is the amortization period? ____ years
- What is the term? ____ years

Save a copy of this Web page.

- b)** Explain why you chose the mortgage you did.



- c) Use a TVM solver or an online mortgage calculator to determine the monthly mortgage payment.
- If you use a TVM solver, record the values below.
 - If you use an online calculator, save a copy of the Web page showing the monthly mortgage payment calculation.

N:	,	I%:	,	PV:	,	PMT:	,
FV:	,	P/Y:	,	C/Y:	,	PMT:	END BEGIN

- d) The monthly mortgage payment is \$_____.
- e) Calculate the monthly portion of the annual property taxes.

The property taxes per month are \$_____.

- Add this amount to the mortgage payment. Each month, \$_____ will be deducted from your bank account.

4. a) List living expenses that are related to owning your home. Include fixed and variable expenses. For each expense, estimate a monthly cost.

Fixed Home Expense	Estimated Monthly Cost	Variable Home Expense	Estimated Monthly Cost



- b)** Set up a spreadsheet template to track your monthly home expenses for a year. Program the spreadsheet to calculate totals per month and totals per expense.
- Add all the values in each row.
 - Add all the values in each column.

Hint: Refer to the Tech Tip on page 64 for information about using a spreadsheet.

- c)** On average, how much are your household expenses each month?

\$ _____

- 5. a)** Assume that at the end of the term of your mortgage, the interest rate increases by 1%. How would this affect your monthly mortgage payment? _____

- b)** Use the TVM solver or the online mortgage calculator to determine your new monthly mortgage payment.
- If you use a TVM solver, record the values below.
 - If you use an online calculator, save a copy of the Web page showing the monthly mortgage payment calculation.

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FV:	, P/Y:	, C/Y:	, PMT:	END BEGIN

- c)** The new monthly mortgage payment is \$_____.
 - Add the monthly amount for property taxes to the mortgage payment.
Each month, \$_____ will be deducted from your bank account.

d) Make the adjustment from part c) to your spreadsheet. On average, how much are your monthly household expenses now? \$_____



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- 6. a)** What factors would you consider to help you decide whether you can afford your home?

- b)** What non-financial factors might you need to consider before buying this home?

Your submission for this Task will include

- an electronic folder of Web pages or a collection of real estate ads
- a spreadsheet showing the full costs of the house

