Budgeting

Budgeting is putting together a plan to show how you are going to manage the money available to you so that you do not end up spending more than you have.

Exercise 1

You have just started your first job. Look at the list of items you could spend your money on (3 have been left blank to use for your own ideas):

board	holidays	savings	food to buy and cook at home
shoes	clothes for work	bus/train fares	cinema
club/concerts	interests e.g. sports/ hobbies	lunch at work	pets
magazines/books	personal care e.g. make-up/hair gel	DVDs/downloads	takeaway food
mobile phone	motorbike/car	drinks/cigarettes	pension
clothes for going out	.....	.....	.....

Now decide which column you would put these in:

Essentials	Items needed	Luxuries