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Computer Cost Comparison Worksheet

Most dealers list prices for computers with many of these components grouped together (instead of listing individual component costs). To compare computers, enter the overall computer price at top, and enter a check mark for components included in the computer cost. For any additional components not covered in the computer system price, enter prices in the appropriate boxes. You may or may not find all of these items in one computer system. **FIND AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT TYPES OF SOURCES** with 2 totals from your comparative shopping. When turning this assignment in for credit, it is acceptable to staple advertisements or printouts to this sheet with the total price circled. Your **GOAL** is to get **AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE** to the list and the price range. Don't buy anything :-). Just LOOK.

Items to Look for in a computer system	Details of Computer Components	Local Dealer/Store	Local Newspaper/Magazine	Online Dealer	Online Dealer #2	Comments
Computer Price	\$2000-2500 (your goal)					
Computer Manufacturer	List the Maker or brand					
Computer Model	List the Model # if applicable					
Processor Model	Pentium IV or equivalent AMD					
Processor Speed	3 Ghz or higher					
RAM	512 MB or higher					
Hard Disk	120 GB or higher					
Monitor	17 Inch or higher					
Monitor Type	CRT or LCD					
Video Graphics Card	128 MB or higher					
Floppy Drive	3.5 Inch					
CD/CD-RW Drive	CD-RW or DVD+RW with Software					
DVD Drive	or combo drive					
Backup Drive	Zip Drive (100, 250 or 750 MB)					
Speakers	Stereo, at least (5.1 is nice)					
Sound Card	SoundBlaster Compatible					
USB Ports	4 or more					
Fax/Modem*	56 K* (or 10/100 network card)					
Microphone	Standard					
Keyboard	Standard					
Pointing Device	IntelliMouse or Scroll Mouse					
Printer	Color Inkjet or Laser					
Printer Cable	Parallel or USB					
Scanner	Page or Flat-bed					
Surge Protector	Yes, you need one of these					
Operating System	Windows XP or higher					
Application Software	MS Office 2003 Professional					
Antivirus Software	Yes					
Overall Weight	Laptop or notebook only					
Technical Support	Yes, find out if this is included					
Warranty	3-year Onsite Service or longer					
Total Cost		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

* Cable, DSL, and ISDN users should consider purchasing a Network card or specialized modem, rather than a Fax/Modem.