



Comparing Baby Gear



When choosing baby gear to welcome home your new little one, you have many options. While some of these items are required by law, others are not. Therefore, choosing between high, middle and low cost models becomes an investigation to make the best decision for your needs and budget. There are pros and cons to every choice. Use the internet to compare high, middle, and low cost versions of the below gear and then complete the questions that follow. Create a visual of the models you are comparing in a WORD document as you will need to refer back to them later.

CAR SEAT

HIGH	MIDDLE	LOW
BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____
COST _____	COST _____	COST _____
FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM IS NEEDED AND HOW IT WILL BE USED:

STROLLER

HIGH	MIDDLE	LOW
BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____
COST _____	COST _____	COST _____
FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM IS NEEDED AND HOW IT WILL BE USED:

HIGH CHAIR

HIGH

MIDDLE

LOW

BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____	BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____	BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____
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EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM IS NEEDED AND HOW IT WILL BE USED:

BABY MONITOR

HIGH

MIDDLE

LOW

BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____	BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____	BRAND/MODEL _____ _____ COST _____ FEATURES _____ _____ _____
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EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM IS NEEDED AND HOW IT WILL BE USED:

Now it's your turn to choose another piece of baby gear to research. Choose from the following list: Crib, changing table, swing, pack-n-play portable crib or play yard, bouncy seat, or bathing tub/center. Circle the item in the list above and complete the chart below.

HIGH	MIDDLE	LOW
BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____	BRAND/MODEL _____
COST _____	COST _____	COST _____
FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____	FEATURES _____
_____	_____	_____

EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM IS NEEDED AND HOW IT WILL BE USED:

1. CONSIDER YOU HAVE ONE CHILD, HOW LONG WILL EACH PIECE OF BABY EQUIPMENT TYPICALLY BE USED?

2. HOW MIGHT THE ABOVE ANSWERS (#1) CHANGE IF YOU HAD MULTIPLE CHILDREN?

3. ARE ALL OF THE ITEMS INVESTIGATED REALLY NECESSARY? EXPLAIN.

ANALYZE YOUR RESULTS

1. What features did the high cost gear have that the middle and low end gear did not?
2. Aesthetically compare the high cost gear to the middle and low cost baby gear. Describe with detail the differences. Attach your visual.
3. What type of baby gear might it be important to invest more money? Explain.
4. If you had to purchase each of the researched pieces of baby gear, which versions would you buy? Be sure to explain the reasons behind your selections on composition paper.