Activity 6: A Hole in Todd's Pocket

Read the scenario below. Work out a spending plan for Todd!

Scenario

Todd gets an allowance. He does chores around the house for which he earns \$100.00 a month. His cell phone bill is \$30.00 a month. The rest of his money goes toward savings (\$10.00); going out with his friends (\$25.00); and clothes, MP3 downloads, and video games (\$35.00). Right now, he has \$70.00 in savings.



Last month, Todd went much too far over his allowable minutes. His cell phone bill ended up being \$256.00! If he continues to pay his regular payment of \$30.00 a month, he will continue to owe the extra charges.

Develop a Spending Plan

Using what you have learned, make a plan for Todd to pay his cell phone bill. Suggest ways he could lower his expenses and/or increase his income.