# **Unit 9 Lesson 6: More Costs of Running a Restaurant**

## 1 Are We Making Money? (Optional)

#### **Student Task Statement**

- 1. Restaurants have many more expenses than just the cost of the food.
  - a. Make a list of other items you would have to spend money on if you were running a restaurant.
  - b. Identify which expenses on your list depend on the number of meals ordered and which are independent of the number of meals ordered.
  - c. Identify which of the expenses that are independent of the number of meals ordered only have to be paid once and which are ongoing.
  - d. Estimate the monthly cost for each of the ongoing expenses on your list. Next, calculate the total of these monthly expenses.

- 2. Tell whether each restaurant is making a profit or losing money if they have to pay the amount you predicted in ongoing expenses per month. Organize your thinking so it can be followed by others.
  - a. Restaurant A sells 6,000 meals in one month, at an average price of \$17 per meal and an average cost of \$4.60 per meal.
  - b. Restaurant B sells 8,500 meals in one month, at an average price of \$8 per meal and an average cost of \$2.20 per meal.
  - c. Restaurant C sells 4,800 meals in one month, at an average price of \$29 per meal and an average cost of \$6.90 per meal.
- 3. a. Predict how many meals your restaurant would sell in one month.
  - b. How much money would you need to charge for each meal to be able to cover all the ongoing costs of running a restaurant?
- 4. What percentage of the cost of the ingredients is the markup on your meal?

### 2 Disposable or Reusable? (Optional)

#### **Student Task Statement**

A sample of full service restaurants and a sample of fast food restaurants were surveyed about the average number of customers they serve per day.





- 1. How does the average number of customers served per day at a full service restaurant generally compare to the number served at a fast food restaurant? Explain your reasoning.
- 2. About how many customers do you think your restaurant will serve per day? Explain your reasoning.

3. Here are prices for plates and forks:

	plates	forks
disposable	165 paper plates for \$12.50	600 plastic forks for \$10
reusable	12 ceramic plates for \$28.80	24 metal forks for \$30

- a. Using your predicted number of customers per day from the previous question, write an equation for the total cost, d, of using disposable plates and forks for every customer for n days.
- b. Is *d* proportional to *n*? Explain your reasoning.
- c. Use your equation to predict the cost of using disposable plates and forks for 1 year. Explain any assumptions you make with this calculation.
- 4. a. How much would it cost to buy enough reusable plates and forks for your predicted number of customers per day?
  - b. If it costs 10.75 a day to wash the reusable plates and forks, write an expression that represents the total cost, r, of buying and washing reusable plates and forks after n days.
  - c. Is r proportional to n? Explain your reasoning.
  - d. How many days can you use the reusable plates and forks for the same cost that you calculated for using disposable plates and forks for 1 year?