

# Comparison Shopping 2:

Have you ever compared prices from one shop to another? If you only compare prices sometimes you may end up with a product that does not suit your needs. Deciding what you need BEFORE you start to shop may help you get the right product.

**Let's look at buying a fridge.**

1. How much can you afford to pay?	\$
2. How much space is there in the kitchen? (Measure the size of the space)	
3. What capacity fridge do you need? (How much does the fridge need to hold?)	
4. What energy star rating do you want? (The higher the rating, the less electricity will be used to run the fridge)	
5. What type and size freezer do you need?	
6. Knowing where the fridge will be – should the door be left or right handed to open?	
7. Would you be better to buy new or second hand?	

Features needed:	Retailer 1	Retailer 2	Retailer 3	Retailer 4
1. Can we afford it?				
2. Does the size fit the space in our kitchen?				
3. Is it the right size (capacity)?				
4. Does it have a good energy start rating?				
5. Is the freezer what we want?				
6. Does it open the way we want (left or right?)				
7. Easy access				

**You can also check comparisons on the internet.**

Go to Google and type in what you want plus “comparison” (eg if you are looking for a credit card type “credit card comparison” in Google).

Use sites which have no bias (eg Infochoice, Yahoo, Ninemsn, SMH).

Follow the prompts to go to their comparison chart. Select the features you want to save time. Always check with the provider (eg shop or bank) before making a final decision.