

A credit card is a powerful financial tool that allows you to make credit purchases at the point of sale (the store), over the phone and online. But a credit card is also a very expensive form of credit and your debt can grow quickly if you don't control your spending. It is very important to be able to understand your statement and know how entries on the statement are calculated.



1. Use the July credit card statement to answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

Transaction Date	Posting Date	Reference	Merchant Name or Transaction Description			New Purchases, Fees, Advances & Debits		Payments & Credits
07/20	07/21	004567893	Ikea			248.00		
07/24	07/24	087623890	Game Stop			27.27		
07/26	07/27	004784563	Jet Blue Airlines			220.00		
Previous Balance	New Purchases, Fees, Advances & Debits	Finance Charge Due to Periodic Rate	Payments & Credits	New Balance	Average Daily Balance	Minimum Payment Due	Annual Percentage Rate	
0.00	495.27	0.00	0.00	495.27	0.00	20.00	19.8%	
Periodic Rate	Corresponding Annual Percentage Rate	Balance To Which Applicable				Corresponding Finance Charge Balance		
1.65%	19.80%	Purchases, Advances, Finance Charges & Fees						
Billing Date	Payment Due Date	Account Number		<b>July Statement</b>				
08/01	08/26	XXXX XXXX XXXX XXX						

What was the total cost of the items charged?..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What was the previous balance?..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Was a credit card payment made in July?..... \_\_\_\_\_

What was the finance charge?..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By what date must the new balance be paid to avoid any finance charge next month? ..... \_\_\_\_\_

What was the minimum payment that had to be made?..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What is the monthly interest rate charged by the credit card company?..... \_\_\_\_\_ %

What is the yearly rate charged by the credit card company?..... \_\_\_\_\_ %

Name:  Period:  Date