

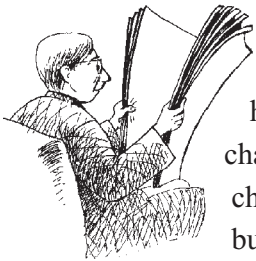


# Math Skill Builder

## Business Section Savvy

The Business section of the newspaper helps people learn what they need to know about business and industry. It contains articles about companies in your area and around the country. There is also news about the economy to help people plan how to use their money.

## Stock Smarts



Many people invest money in the stock market and they check the stock listings online to see how their investments are doing. If you can read a chart like this one, you also will be able to read other charts with important information, such as train or bus schedules.

### Stock Quotations Explained

Stock	12-mo.		Volume 1,000s	Last	Chg.
	Hi	Lo			
XYZ	24.75	12.73	29	12	+1.3

**1** Stock: Abbreviation by the Associated Press; not the stock's ticker symbol. May be followed by a footnote.  
**2** 12-mo. Hi Lo: The stocks highest and lowest prices in the last 12 months.  
**3** Sales 1,000s: Shares, in thousands, that traded last week.  
**4** Last: The week's closing price.  
**5** Chg.: The change between the closing price last week and the closing price the previous week.  
**Footnotes:**  
 d — Price was 52-week low.

g — Dividend and earnings in Canadian dollars. No P-E.  
 n — New issue (within last year).  
 pf — Preferred.  
 pp — Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price.  
 pr — Preference.  
 rt — Rights.  
 s — Split in the last 52 weeks.  
 u — Price was 52-week high.  
 un — Units.  
 v — Trading halted  
 vj — In bankruptcy or receivership.  
 wd — When distributed.  
 wi — When issued.  
 wt — Warrants.  
 ww — With warrants.  
 x — Ex-dividend; any dividend is payable to the seller.  
 xw — Without warrants.  
 y — Ex-dividend and sales in full, not in thousands.  
 z — Sales in full, not in thousands.

Stock	12-mo.		Volume 1000s	Last	Chg
	Hi	Lo			
BSCH prF	25.99	24.13	59	25.65	+0.65
BSCH prH	25.35	23.00	51	24.60	+0.40
BSCH prJ	25.50	22.38	79	24.15	-0.15
BSCH prQ	26.80	24.46	83	25.75	-0.06
BT Grp n d	42.40	33.00	711	32.09	-2.71
BWAY	11.75	2.60	24	11.00	+0.70
Bairnco d	8.60	5.10	24	5.23	-0.36
BakrHu	45.29	25.76	8315	34.62	+2.98
Baldor	25.15	18.00	213	21.33	+0.13
Ball u	74.00	38.08	1812	73.29	+6.54
BallyTotF	32.25	17.85	636	21.73	+0.11
BanColum	3.22	1.00	223	2.10	+0.16
BcBilVArg	16.63	8.45	1070	11.65	+0.20
BncBl pfC	25.80	24.05	76	24.70	+0.10
BncBl prE	26.00	24.45	72	24.95	+0.25
BcoBrad n	27.61	22.66	286	25.40	-0.85
BcLatn	37.70	24.90	118	25.60	+0.10
BcoSnCH	11.94	6.30	646	8.10	+0.15
BcSantCh	19.80	14.93	107	16.85	+0.05
BcpSouth u	17.50	12.81	518	17.97	+0.81
Bancwst pf	28.25	25.75	26	27.66	-0.04
Bandag	46.75	25.01	58	34.66	+0.46
BankOne	39.99	27.00	12092	39.15	+1.01
BkOne pfT	26.60	24.81	48	26.20	-0.11
BkOne pfU	28.40	25.30	45	27.72	+0.25
BkOne pfV xu	27.05	24.35	70	26.33	-0.04
BkOne pfW	25.35	24.10	201	24.99	-0.09
Bk of Am	65.54	45.65	26029	63.35	+2.55
BkAm pfW	25.90	24.55	608	25.20	-0.29
BkAm pfY	25.70	24.13	139	25.27	-0.23
BkAm pfZ	25.65	24.50	48	25.50	+0.15
BkIreInd	41.30	27.40	39	37.53	-0.03

The key to reading a chart is understanding how it is organized. Look first at the top, bottom and sides of the columns and rows. That's where you will often find out the information contained in each column or row. A key along with the stock listings that tells the reader how to get information from the listings.

Look at one such key on the left. Read one explanation at a time. Make sure you know what each column means. After reading all of the explanations, answer these questions about the stocks on the listing shown above. Which one gained the most? Which, lost the most? What was the year's high of the BWAY stock? How much does one share of Baldor cost now? Go online at <http://www.nyse.com> or <http://www.nasdaq.com> to find more information about the stock market.