What Does Your Statement Tell You?

A credit card statement provides information such as how and when you've used your credit card, how much you owe, how much interest you're paying to use the card, how much your minimum payment is, and how much credit you have left.

Knowing how to read your credit card statement can also help you catch unauthorized charges and/or billing errors.

So, it can pay to know how to read the statement!

Directions

Use the credit card statement provided on the next page to answer these questions:

- 1. What is the date of the statement?
- 2. What is the Annual Percentage Rate (APR)?
- 3. What is the corresponding periodic rate?
- 4. What is the new balance?
- 5. What was the previous balance?
- 6. How many charges were made during the billing cycle?
- 7. How many credits and payments were made during the billing cycle?
- 8. Were there any charges for late payments? If so, how much were the charges?
- 9. What is the total amount of the credit line?
- 10. What is the total amount of available credit?
- 11. What is the total amount of charges made during the current billing period?
- 12. Was there a finance charge for the current billing cycle? If so, how much were the charges?
- 13. What is the account number on the statement?
- 14. Where should the payment be sent?
- 15. What is the periodic rate for cash advances?