

# Writers' Toolbox

## Ten Million Dollars!!!

For this paper you will be spending ten million dollars! This is tax-free money, and you can spend it in any way you see fit (if it is legal and does not support violence). You should base your purchasing on real advertisements, things that are really for sale. For example, if you want to buy an island, you need to find an actual island. If you want to buy a robot, you need to find one that exists; you can't make up a new toy.

### **Paper Specifications:**

Your paper must be a **minimum** of two pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 point, times. How you wish to organize the body of the paper will depend on what you are buying, but you need to avoid presenting your purchases like a shopping list. Try describing them, put them in logical order, make a story out of it, but remember to make it interesting.

## Rubric for Million Dollar Paper (42 pts)

**Format:** Does the document meet the requirements? It is typed and at least two pages.  
0-6

**Title:** Is there a title and is it interesting?  
0-2

**Organization:** Is there an organizational scheme present?  
1-8

**Paragraphs:** Are there topic sentences at the beginning of each paragraph, supporting detail and transitions?  
1-8

**Sentence Structure and Style:** Are there different sentences used? Is the vocabulary robust? Does the writer use semicolons and are they used properly?  
1-3

**Language and Grammar:** Are there a lot of errors?  
0-9

**Creativity:** Does the author put effort into the paper and make it interesting?  
0-4