



## Sales Tax Activity

Every time you buy things or services, you pay the sales or transaction tax. Does your state have sales tax? Note your sale tax is \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

Example: If you buy a laptop for \$900 in a state with a 10% sales tax, the final price will be \$990. Complete the following using the sales tax in your state:



**Book: \$17**

Sales Tax \_\_\_\_\_

Final Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Bike: \$300**

Sales Tax \_\_\_\_\_

Final Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Write the sales tax percentage for each state:



Washington \_\_\_\_\_

Oregon \_\_\_\_\_

Idaho \_\_\_\_\_

Montana \_\_\_\_\_

Wyoming \_\_\_\_\_

California \_\_\_\_\_

Nevada \_\_\_\_\_

Utah \_\_\_\_\_

Colorado \_\_\_\_\_

Arizona \_\_\_\_\_

New Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these states have the highest sales tax? \_\_\_\_\_

Which of these states have lowest sales tax? \_\_\_\_\_

In every state, there are exceptions or products that have different tax rates. Food and medicine are sometimes exempt from sales tax or are taxed at lower rates. Some states also have tax holidays, days when tax is not charged on certain items like school supplies.

Other types of sales taxes:

- Excise taxes are taxes on a specific product, like cars, boats, gas, or tobacco
- Value added taxes where a product has been increased at each stage of its products/distributions

When you pay **sale taxes**, the money from these taxes support:



State and Local Parks



Construction and Maintaining  
Roads



Public Schools and Education



Policeman or woman