

Financial Accounting Cheat Sheet

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What is Accounting?

- The language of business
- Process of recognizing, measuring, recording, and disclosing economic events and transactions
- It is crucial for informed decision making and business activities

Who wants informati	on about a company?	
Internal Group	External Group	
- Managers	- Investors, Other Lenders	
- Employees	- Suppliers, Customers	
	- Government, Public	

Different Types of Accounting	
Management Accounting	Financial Accounting
- provides info for the company itself	- provides info for users outside the company
- true and objective picture of the company's situation	- picture of company might not be true and objective
- no need to keep information secret	- incentive to keep information secret
- provided more frequently	- only provided once a year

Balance Sheet			
Assets	Equity + Liabilities		
Business activities			
1. Financing	2. Investing	3. Operating	

Financing Activities

primarily two sources for funding

- Borrowing money from third-parties
- · Liabilities are the amounts owed
- · Creditors are who we owe
- Interest is the payment to creditors
- 2. Issuing shares & selling stocks
- · Equity is the share of stockholders
- Dividends are the payments to stockholders

Investing Activities

purchase of resources a company needs to operate

- 1. Property, plant and equipment
- Trucks, machinery, computers, furniture, buildings, material etc.
- 2. These resources are called assets.

Operating Activities

sales of product or provision of service

- Revenue: Amount of money earned from the sales during the accounting period
- Finished good inventory: Goods available for sale to a customer
- Accounts receivable: Right to receive money from a customer as a result of a sale
- Parties who owe amounts to our company are debtors
- Expenses: All cost associated with the production of the product or the provision of the service
- Net income or profit: revenue > expenses
- Net loss: revenue < expenses



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