

CREDIT SCORE MATCHING

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| 2. FICO | B. All new loans or accounts and all creditor credit report requests. |
| 3. Poor FICO credit score | C. How long a person has had an account or loan. |
| 4. Exceptional FICO credit score | D. Stands for Fair Isaac Corporation, a company that provides lenders with formulas to figure out credit scores. |
| 5. Payment history | E. Credit score that is below 580. |
| 6. Length of credit history | F. A way for lenders to predict how likely a person is to pay back a loan on time. |
| 7. New credit | G. Whether a person is paying bills on time and as agreed. |
| 8. Total debt, balances, and utilization | H. Credit score of 800 or more. |

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Answer Key:

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Possible answers will include the following:

- Access to better borrowing terms and loan products
- Lower interest rates
- Insurance discounts
- Access to better credit cards and rewards
- Greater options for renting houses or apartments
- Security deposit waivers on utilities
- Employers may review credit scores

2. As an adult, having a good credit score is very important. What are two things you can do as an adult to be sure that you have a good credit score?

Possible Answers

- Pay loans on time, every time
- Don't get close to your credit limit – don't max out credit cards
- Apply only for credit you need
- Monitor your credit report – make sure yours is accurate and dispute any inaccurate information
- Know your credit score
- Keep old accounts open – or think before you close them
- Protect yourself against fraud and identity theft