Which Sales Promotion Tool?

Firms may use a variety of sales promotion tools to help them increase short-term sales. Choosing from the below list of possible tools, identify which one/s would be most appropriate for:

- 1. A newly launched chocolate bar
- 2. Computer software (for editing digital photos)
- 3. A woman's fashion clothing store

	Sales Promotion Tools	Chocolate bar?	Computer software?	Clothing store?
1	A 20% discount			
2	20% extra free			
3	A cash-back offer (from manufacturer)			
4	A two-for-one deal			
5	Discount via a coupon (e.g. shop-a-docket)			
6	A competition (e.g. win a PlayStation)			
7	Extra points on a loyalty program			
8	Receive a free gift (if spending more than \$X)			
9	Buy another product at a discount			
10	Access code for special website			
11	Give a free sample			
12	Have a big in-store display			

Student Discussion Questions

- 1. Start this activity by completing the above table.
- 2. Which sales promotion tools did you use the most? Which ones did you use least?
- 3. How does your sales promotion choices compare to those of your fellow students?
- 4. How effective do you think sales promotions are in generating sales and gaining new customers?
- 5. Is there a danger in overusing sales promotions?

6. Based on the above table, but you think that sales promotions are more suited to particular types of product categories?