Welcome to the FMB Wild About Savings Extravaganza!

Learning about money is never boring. Instead, it can be a crazy, wild, exciting adventure!

Have you ever gone to the store and wanted to buy something?

It might have been something really big like a new bike or something really small like a piece of gum. Big, small, or in between, you needed money to buy it!

But what exactly is Money and how does it work? We're glad you asked! On our money learning adventure, we will help explain money and why it is so important. Here are the questions we will answer along the way!

- What is money?
- How do I earn money?
- How do I save money?
- How do I put money into a savings account?
- How do I get money out of a savings account?
- What is the difference between a savings account and a checking account?
- What is a check?
- What is a debit card?

Let the Adventure Begin!

What is money?

Forms of Money

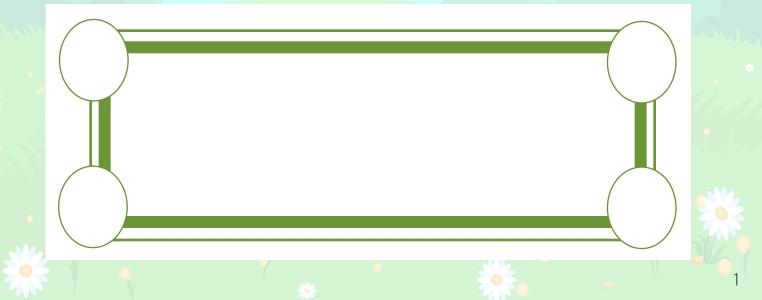
Did you know that back in the old days, people didn't use money? Instead, they bartered.

In early history, **bartering** was a common practice of trading or exchanging goods, service, and other resources. But bartering resulted in alot of problems, expecially when someone was not willing to exchange a good or service with you. Over time, **money** was introduced to fix the problem. In the U.S., money is in the form of currency and coins. We also use checks and electronic money, like a debit card.



Design Your Own Bill

Use your imagination to design your own bill! Make it any denomination and be creative! When you're finished you will have earned \$5.00. Be sure to add it to your register.



How do I earn Money?



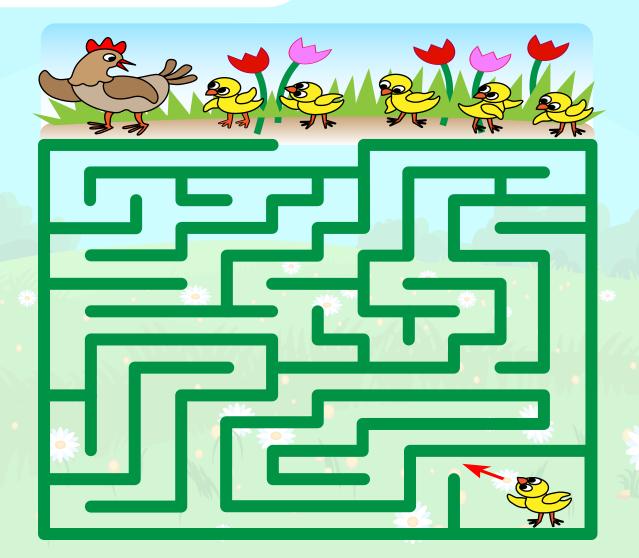
When you go to the store, you need money to buy things right? (Yes!) So, how do you get money? Do your parents give it to you? (Maybe, but probably not!) You have to **earn** it!

Earning money is simple. You can earn money by doing a lot of things – like getting a job, doing your chores, receiving an allowance, babysitting, or receiving gifts. Once you have earned money, it is called **income.**

ADVENTURE ACTIVITY The Maze

Try to help the baby chick find his family. By completing this adventure, you you can **earn** \$10.00 to add to your register.

Be sure and keep track of your earnings because it might come in handy on the next adventure!



How do I save money?



You have earned \$15.00 dollars. Congrats! But now, what do you do with your money?

Once you have earned money, you can either spend it or save it! Spending your money is easy, but sometimes, you should save your money, especially if you want to buy something really big, like a bicycle.

You might keep your money in a wallet, or a piggy bank while you are saving it. But do you ever worry that it could disappear or you possibly losing it? Many people have this concern, so they put their money in a bank for safe keeping.

Savings Account

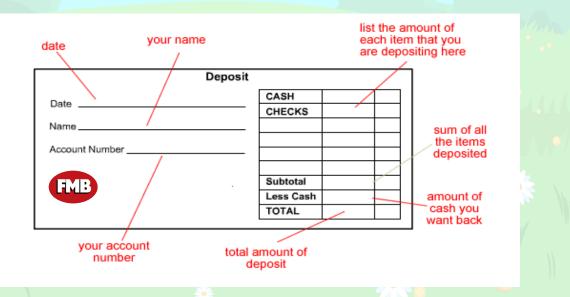
Banks are trusted businesses where people can safely keep their money by opening a **savings account**, you can save your money for future use.

Interest - Dig Deeper

When you open a savings account, you can **make money on your money!** This means the bank will pay you a small amount of money, called interest for keeping your money in their bank.

How put money into my savings account?

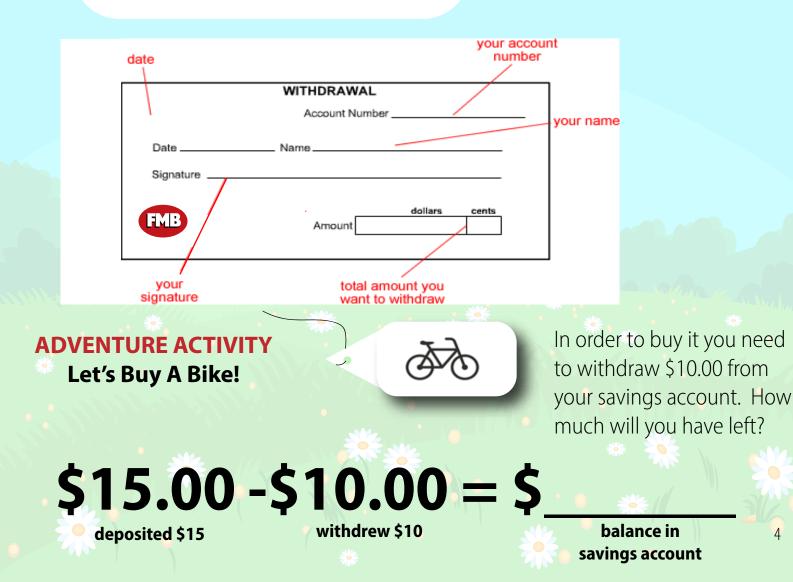
Once you have opened your savings account you can now put money into it! This is called making a **deposit.** You make deposits by filling out a **deposit slip**. The bank teller will then use the information on the deposit slip to complete the transaction. A "**transaction**' is the term banks use for any action of putting money in or taking money out of your account.



How do I get money out of my savings account?

Withdrawal Slip

A withdrawal slip looks like this! Once you fill it out, you can take it to the bank teller. They will ask to see your Photo ID which helps them make sure that you are true owner of the account, and then they will give you your money!



What is the difference between a savings & checking account?



During our previous adventures, we have talked about a savings account. Banks also offer a different type of account called a **checking account.**

A checking account is similar to a savings account in that both accounts keep money safe and allow easy access to your money. A checking account is different from a savings account because it is designed to be used more often. Banks expect people with a checking account to make withdrawals and deposits on a regular basis. Sometimes, checking accounts offer little to no interest.

Dig Deeper Savings Review

Remember that a savings account is used to save money! Characteristics of a savings account are:

- opened to save money
- occasional withdrawals and deposits
- sometimes limited on the number of withdrawals per month
- earns interest

ADVENTURE ACTIVITY

SAVINGS ACCOUNT VS. CHECKING ACCOUNT

Decide which characteristic goes with either the Savings or Checking Account by drawing an arrow. We have done one for you to get you started!

Characteristics:

- earn little or no interest
- occasional withdrawals and deposits
- open account to save money
- open account to use every day
- earn interest

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

CHECKING ACCOUNT

What is a check?



Oh no! Your new bike has a flat tire. To fix it, you need to pay \$10.00. You can use a check to pay for it. Let's practice writing the check! Don't forget to deduct it from your record book for that account.

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Be sure to check out the skit on the next page. Get a friend or parent to help you act it out!

Dig Deeper A piece of paper??

Now, if you have ever seen a check, you may think it looks like a piece of paper, and it is! But a check acts like a promise that you are going to pay the person the amount of money you have written on the check. And if you break this promise, there are serious consequences. Let's see how it works!

DIRECTIONS:

- A. Write today's date on the line.
- B. Print the name of the person or company you are writing the check to. (In this case it would be Bob's Tire Repair.)
- C. Write the numerical amount of the check. (in
- his case it would be \$10.00.
- D. Spell out the amount for the check.
- E. Write out the reason for the check. (In this case you can write "bike repairs.")
- F. Sign your name.

Dont' forget to record the check in your record book for your checking account.

Sam's Birthday Gift

Characters: Sam, Sallie, Ima Teller

Setting: Scene 1 – Outside Sallie's House, Sam walks by Sam: Hey Sallie! Guess what I got for my birthday present? Sallie: What? Sam: A \$50 check from my grandparents! I am rich! (Holds up the check for Sallie to see.)

Sallie: Well, it only looks like a piece of paper to me. Are you sure it is \$50? Sam: Yeah! come with me.....I will show you how a check works!

Setting: Scene 2 - Lobby of a Bank

Sam: You see when somebody writes you a check, the bank recognizes it as money. You can deposit it just like you would cash into your account or you can even cash it! I am trying to save for a new skateboard, so I think I am just going to deposit it today. Sallie: Gotcha! So you just fill out a deposit slip?

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friends or your parents for a

better understanding about

how checks work!

Sam: Yep! And then , get in line.

(Sam and Sallie walk up to the teller line.)

Ima Teller: Hi there you two! What can I help you with today?

Sallie: Hi Ms. Ima! Sam was given a \$50 check for his birthday! He is rich! He told me a check can be used just like cash. You can deposit it into your checking account.

Ima Teller: Well, Sam is exactly right! But one thing is really important to remember about checks....

Sam: What?

Ima Teller: Well, it is very important to have enough money in your account to cover the check.

Sam: What do you mean?

Ima Teller: Well, when a person goes to deposit the check (like you have today), it pulls the amount of money from the account of the person who wrote the check (in this case your grandparents). If there is not enough money in their account, the check will bounce.

Sallie: What does that mean?

Ima Teller: This means that the bank will charge a fee to your grandparents for not having enought money in their account to cover the \$50 check.

Sallie: Oh no!

Ima Teller: If this happens, the check will not clear the bank.

Sam: Well, now what does that mean?

Ima Teller: That means that the check cannot be deposited. The writer of the check would have to put the \$50 into their account, and then, the check would have to be redeposited.

Sallie: Oh my! Did that happen to Sam's check? Did it bounce?

Ima Teller: It looks like your grandparents have enough money in their account to cover your \$50 check, so everything went

through just fine! Your \$50 check was deposited successfully into your account.

Sam: Man, you had me all nervous!

Ima Teller: Well, just remember to always check your account balance before writing a check, so you know you have enough money for the check to clear.

Sam and Sallie: Yes Ma'am, thank you! We'll see you later!



What is a Debit Card?



In the last adventure, we talked about how the bank gives you checks as a tool to access your money. When you open a checking account, the bank may also give you a **debit card.**

A debit card is a plastic card that can be used as electronic money. You might have seen your parent's use one, because they make accessing your money very easy. You can use them just about anywhere, and when you swipe your card the money is subtracted from your account automatically. You can also use your debit card to withdraw money from the ATM.

Dig Deeper Personal ID

What do you think would happen if someone stole your debit card? It could be very bad! They could use all of your money. In order to prevent theft, banks give each person a **PIN** (**P**ersonal **I**dentification **N**umber). It typically is a 4-digit number that you remember and keep secret. Think of it as a secret password! When you use your card as a Debit Card you are required to type in your PIN. You can also choose **Credit** and sign for your transaction.

ADVENTURE ACTIVITY - USING YOUR DEBIT CARD

It is very important to make sure you have enough money in your account when using your debit card. If you don't you could be charged a fee by the bank, called an **overdraft fee.**

In each box below, decide if you should use your debit card to buy each item.. If you do have enough money in your account, write YES, if not then write NO.



Congratulations! You have completed the Wild, Money Extravaganza!

You have learned some valuable lessons about money and banking. Here is a recap of all that you learned on our wild and exciting money adventure.

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