



WELCOME!

The Let's Play Money printable packet is designed to inspire kids' interest in financial literacy, build money knowledge and habits, and serve as a tool to spark conversations about financial topics.

Each grade-level packet is full of skill-building games, puzzles, and other interactive activities based on financial literacy standards set forth by the National Financial Educators Council, the Washington State Financial Literacy Standards, and the National Content Standards for Entrepreneurship Education.

Learning about money fosters literacy (financial literacy is tied directly to strong reading literacy), numeracy (working with numbers), and sound practices (forming good habits, planning, and strategizing). To that end, each packet offers integrated opportunities to build reading and math skills while developing financial competencies.

According to the National Financial Educators Council, kids' financial habits are set by ages 7-9. It's never too soon to talk to kids about money, and the Let's Play Money packets are here to help you start those conversations with your kids. Now is the time!

Congratulations on taking this important step!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!

This is the March **Let's Play Money printable packet for 1st graders.**

GET STARTED

- Set up a regular schedule for Let's Play Money to build regular engagement.
- Print the Let's Play Money pages.
- Share the entire packet or offer individual pages for your kid to complete.
- Build opportunities to engage in real-life, money-oriented activities and conversations during the month.
- Go over your kid's work with them and check the answer key at the end of the packet.

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LET'S PLAY MONEY

A leprechaun is a mythical creature in Irish folklore, typically depicted as a tiny, mischievous old man dressed in green with a red beard and a hat.



According to legend, leprechauns are cobblers by trade and are known for their love of gold and their skill in making shoes. They are also said to be very secretive and elusive, often leading people on wild goose chases in search of treasure.

In Irish mythology, it is believed that if you catch a leprechaun, he must grant you three wishes in exchange for his release. However, leprechauns are notoriously difficult to catch, as they are quick and clever.

The image of the leprechaun has become a popular symbol of Ireland and is often associated with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

<https://historycooperative.org/leprechaun/>



REAL GOLD

The chemical element gold has been valued by humans throughout history. It is found in a pure form in nature, so early peoples were able to discover it and use it. Because it has a pleasing appearance, it has been used to make jewelry and to decorate buildings and other objects.



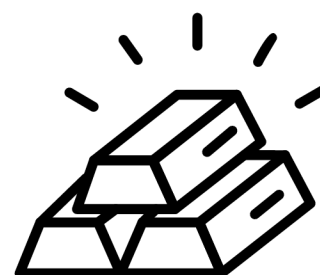
IS MONEY MADE OF GOLD?

Because gold is so valuable people have also used it as money. In ancient times it was made into coins.



Today most money is made of other materials, but governments and banks keep large amounts of gold in the form of bars.

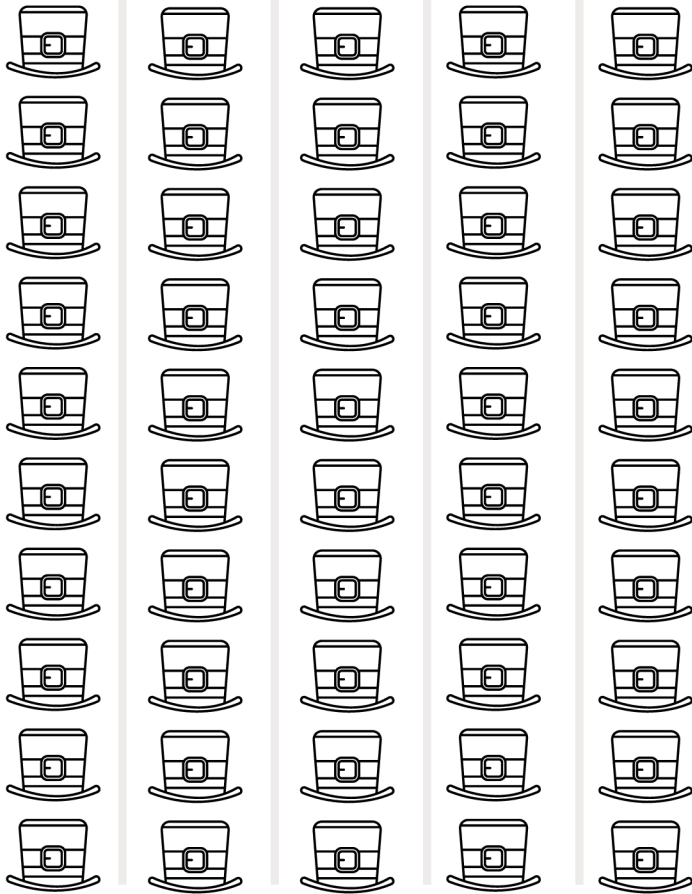
This gold is kept safe in a vault and is not usually used. It shows that the country has enough money to operate. It can also be used to pay debts to other countries.



<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/gold/353190>

FUN PAGE

Color the correct number of the hats in each column.



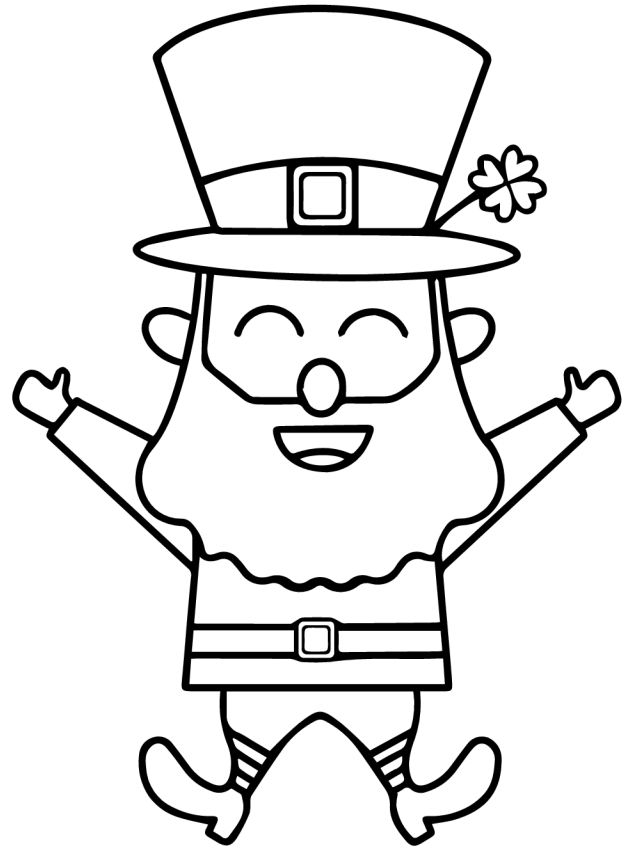
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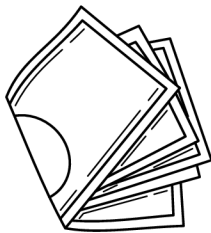
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Color ↻

Write **old** after each letter to finish each word.



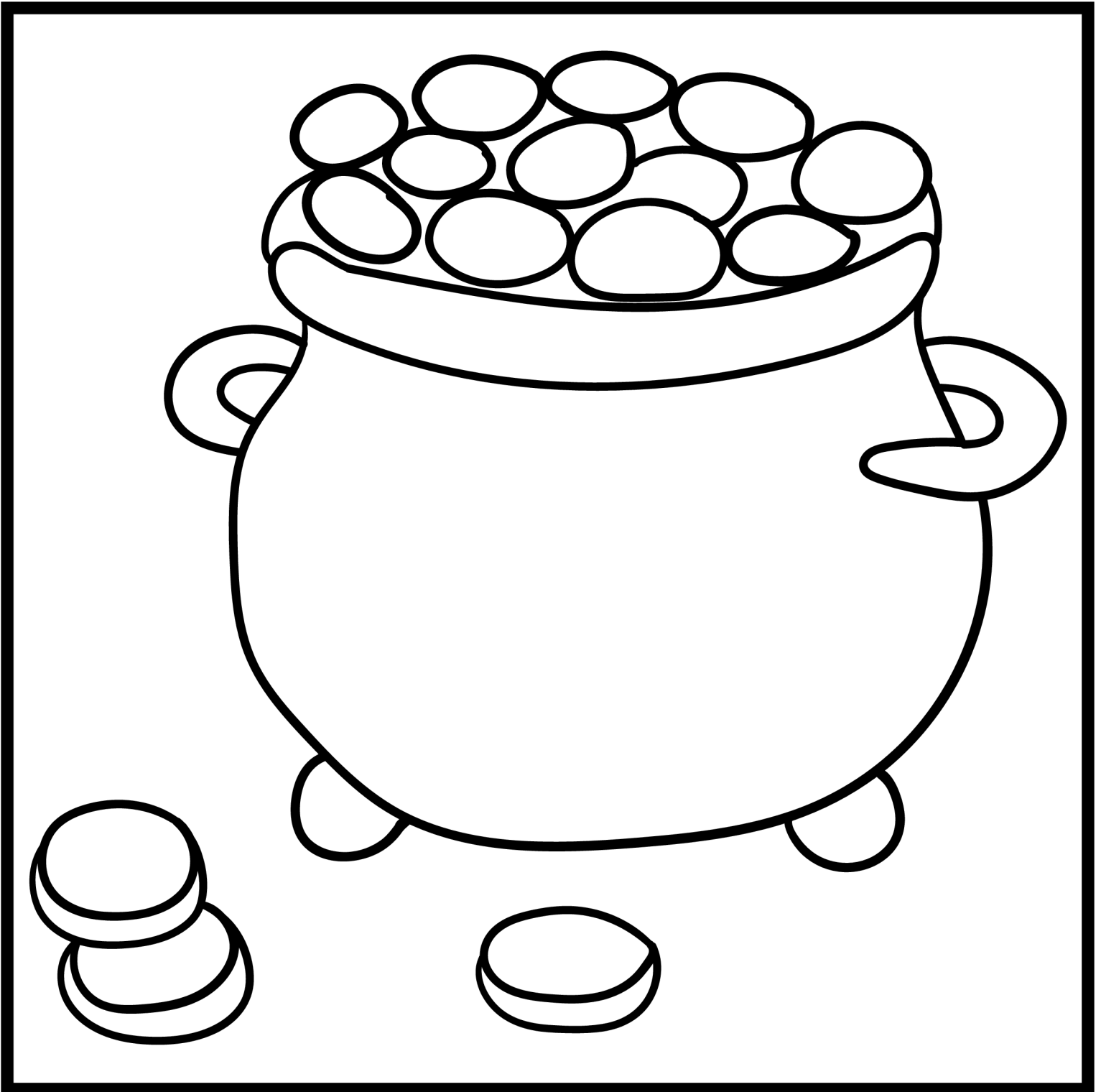
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COLOR

Color the pot of gold.



LIFE ACTIVITY



Trading

Trading is when a person swaps, or exchanges, things they have with another person.

Practice trading something that belongs to you with another person. Write down what you trade away and what you get in return.

Item I traded.

Item I received.



A Little Free Library is a “take a book, share a book” free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small “house” attached to a pole. Anyone may take a book from this “library” or place a book inside it to share with others.

This is a fun way to practice trading. Do you have a free library in your neighborhood?

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

LIFE ACTIVITY



Giving

Giving is when you offer or provide something to someone without expecting to get something back.

Practice giving something that belongs to you to another person or to charity. Write down what you give and who you give it to.

Item I gave

Who I gave it to

Giving Examples



A gift that you make or purchase for another person



Jacket to another, smaller kid because you have outgrown it



Comfort toy to a friend or sibling

MONEY MATH

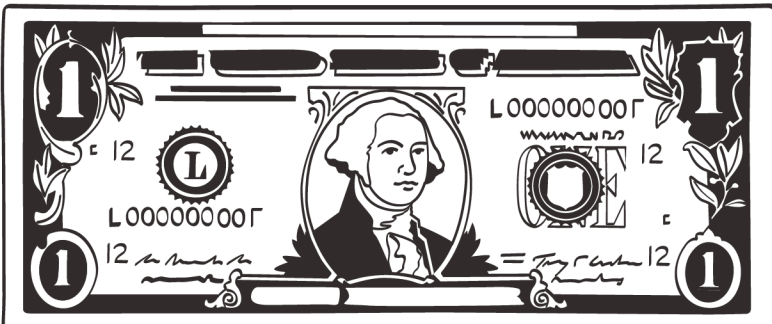
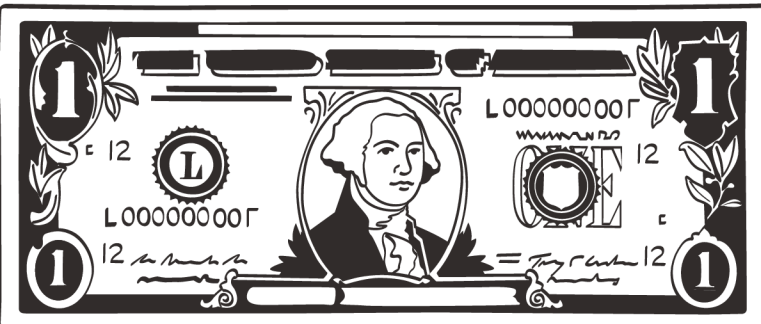
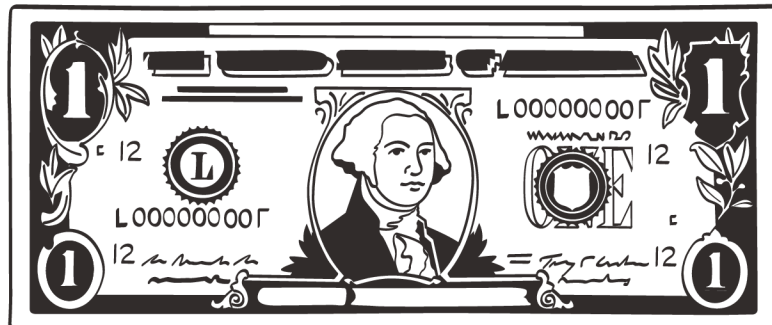
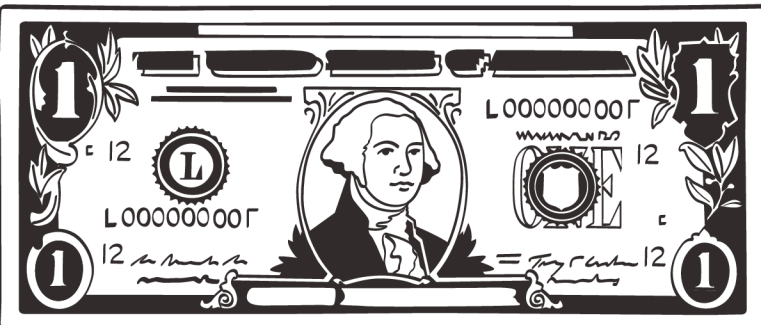
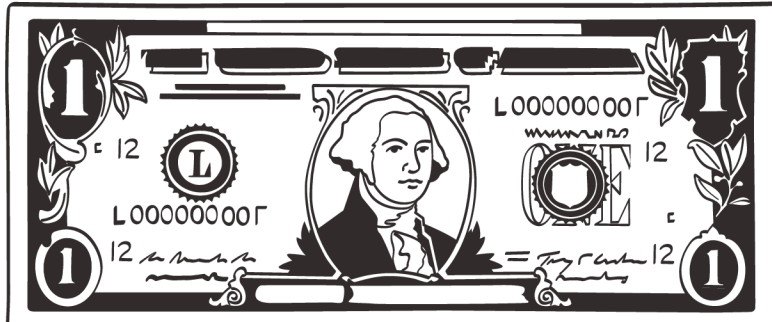
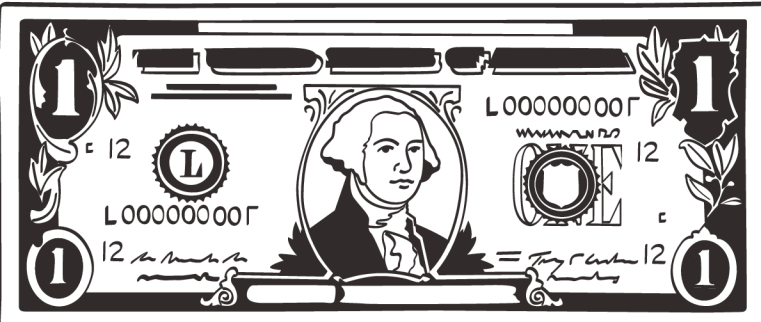
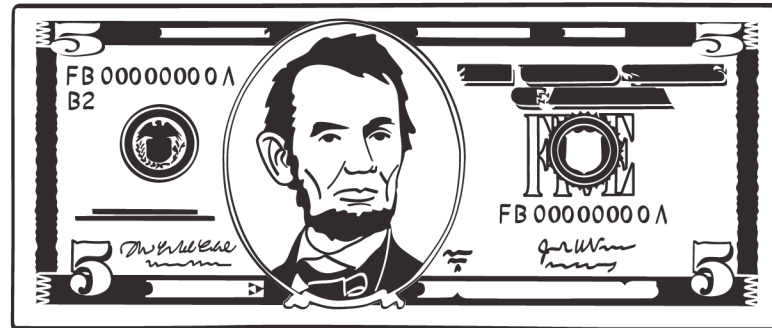
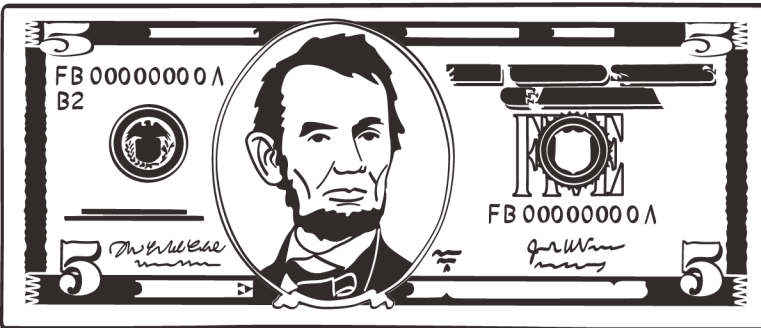
Add up the coins to see how much is going into the donation jar.



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CASH CORNER

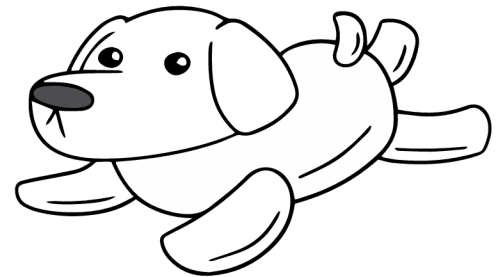
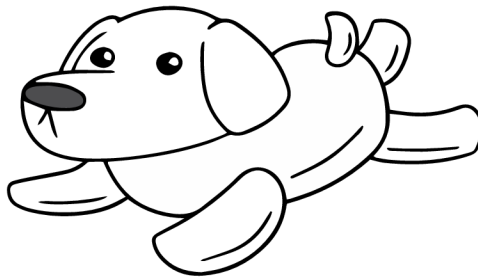
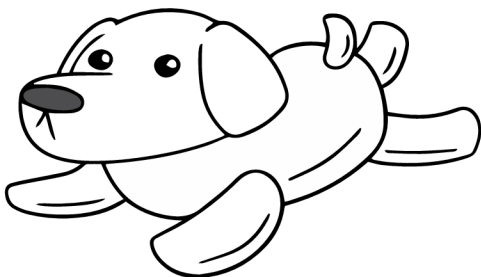
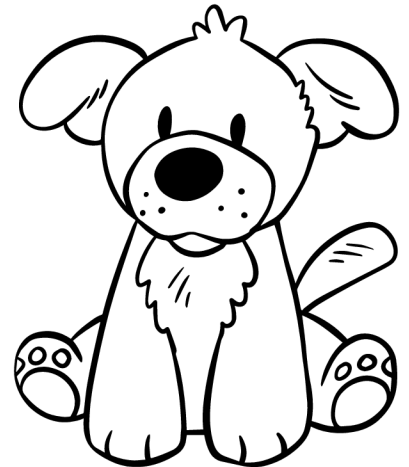
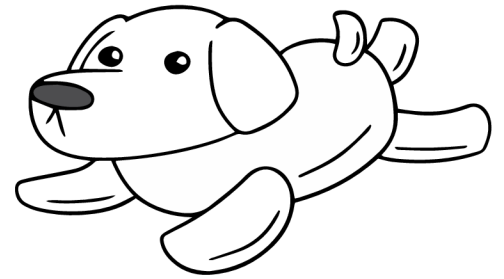
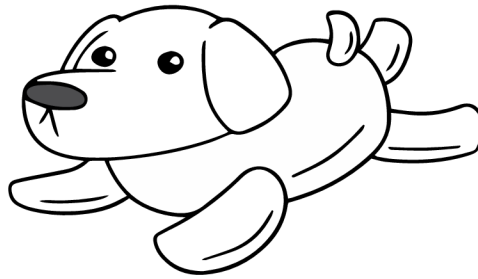
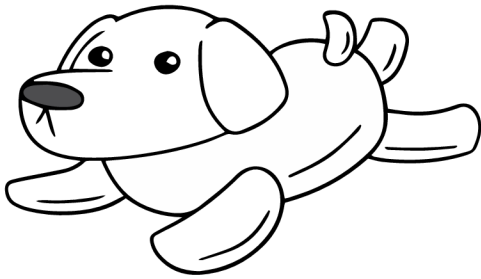
Color and cut the cash.
Use the cash on the next page for a play Pop-up Shop.



POP-UP SHOP

Start a Pop-up Shop. Color and cut out the products on this page and sell them in your shop. Decide how much each item costs. Make more products by printing extra pages or designing your own. Give some money to your customer to spend. (Use the cash on the previous page.) Keep some money in an envelope or cash register to give back change.

DOG STUFFIES



BUSINESS STORY

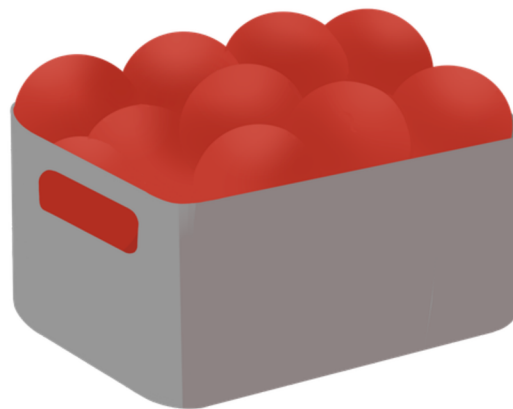


**Excerpt From
"Max England Turns A Pet Project Into Pay"**

Max is hosting an open house event in his backyard to let people know he is in business. He offers pet services like dog walking and pet sitting. He also sketches pictures of pets and sells them to their owners.



"I added a final touch to the event plans. Earlier when I dropped off the flyer at the general store, I notice a box of red balls. I used my remaining budget to buy enough for the event. The balls would be perfect for playing with the dogs, and I could send the balls home as thank you gifts."



We can give goods or services as gifts.

BUSINESS EXERCISE

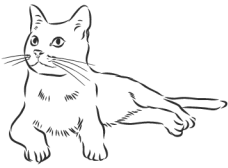


RISK VS REWARD

Risk: Risk in business involves taking a chance or trying something new that might have good or not-so-good outcomes. It might involve using resources or doing things that are costly to you in terms of time or money. You hope that the risk will lead to a positive outcome, but it could be negative.

Reward: Reward in business is like getting something good or special when things go well. It could be getting a new client or an introduction to someone interested in our services.

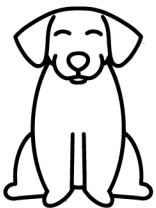
Decide which of the following were risks or rewards for Max at his open house.



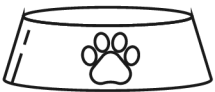
Julie ordered a pet sketch of her mom's cat.
RISK OR REWARD



The neighbors new puppies started running around the party and between people's legs because their weren't on a leash.
RISK OR REWARD



Rosemary hired Max to walk her dog Angel three times a week.
RISK OR REWARD



The sun came out and the dogs didn't have any fresh water to drink.
RISK OR REWARD



Max got two jobs for cat sitting over the summer.
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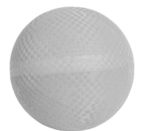
BUSINESS EXERCISE



Make A List

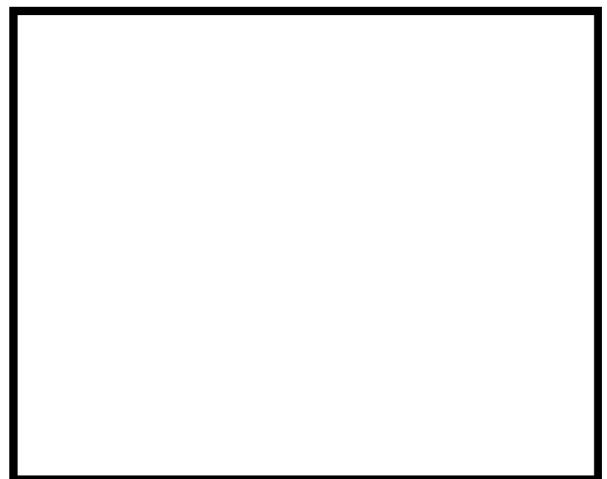
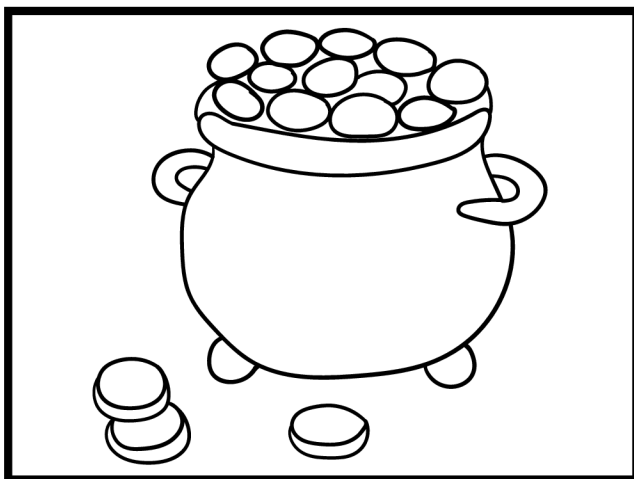
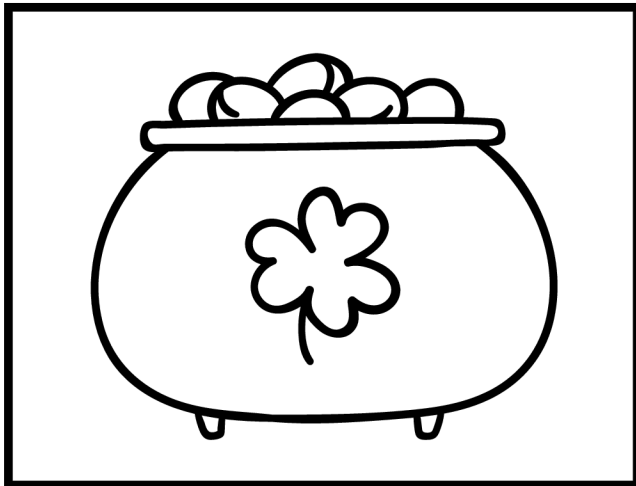
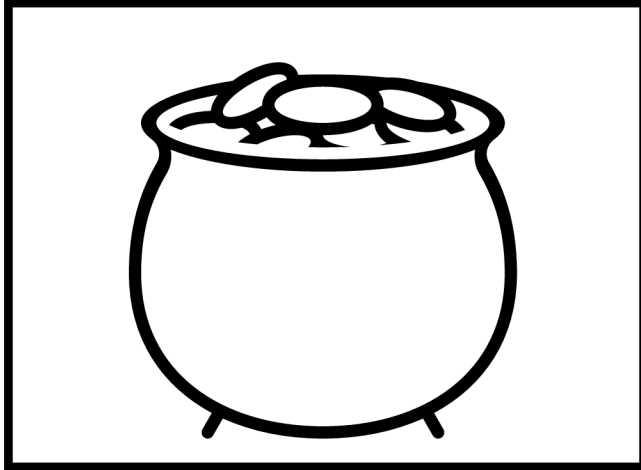
Max made a list of things to do for his open house event. Help him complete the list.

	Clean up the back_ _ _ _.
	Order brownies and _ _ _ treats.
	Draw up a flyer and _ _ _ _ it up at the General Store.
	Display sketches like how you would see them at an _ _ _ show.
	Train a dog to walk on a _ _ _ _ _.
	Buy red a _ _ _ _ at the store to give as a gift to each dog.



COPY AND DRAW

Observe the picture then draw your own.



INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION & ANSWER PAGE

3-4 Money News - Kids learn about money through stories. Let kids read the Let's Play Money newsletter and ask open-ended questions such as: What do you think about that? How does this impact you or our family? What action steps or changes do you think could be made?



Hat coloring - kids can color from the top down or bottom up. The correct answers here are shown from the bottom up.

Word completion: fold, cold, gold

6 Color

7 Kids can practice trading something within the family, at school, or at a free little library or other organization. Help kids think through what is a fair trade.

8 Kids can practice giving away something that belongs to them. First, ask them questions like: "Is this yours to give away? Will you need it in the future? Who is it for? and Who will it help?" Sometimes we see the end result of giving (as in giving a gift). Sometimes we give and don't see the direct results (donating to charity or passing along clothing to another family).

9 Money Math - 4 quarters + 4 dimes + 2 nickels = \$1.50

10 Kids color and cut the cash to use on page 11.

11 Kids color and cut out items for a pretend pop-up shop. They give the play cash from page 10 to friends or family members to buy items. They keep some cash to use as change.

12 Business Story - Read and discuss the story with your kid.

13 Julie ordered a pet sketch of her mom's cat.



RISK OR REWARD

14 yard, dog, tack, art, leash, ball

15 Practice drawing the same exact image



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Financial Literacy Standards in this packet include:

(1) The WA State Financial Education Standards for Grade 1:

- Credit and Debt (ICD)

(2) NFEC (Grade 1):

- Credit, Debt, and Loans Standards: Describe what risk is and identify when it's present in a situation . Explain when to trade goods and services and when to give them as gifts . Give reasons for giving or donating to those in need

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