



Money \$marts

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Word Warm-Up

Practice reading these words from this book.

Gliding Sounds (Diphthongs)

ouch	coin	now
choices	enjoy	house
how	out	points
toy	flower	

Vowel Team Syllables

power	without
employer	noisy

Prefixes: *de-*, *pre-*, *re-*

prevents	request
deduct	decline
repay	deposit
prepare	

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Challenge Words

account	money
amount	month
budget	total
college	water
future	won't
interest	you've
lesson	

High-Frequency Highlights

about	live
don't	some
from	wants
have	your



Spotlight On : Money

For most people, making money is often a topic of conversation with family and even with friends. Maybe you earn cash by helping out in your neighborhood, like walking a dog, feeding a cat while a neighbor's away, babysitting, raking leaves, or shoveling snow.

You might wonder when you will ever have enough cash saved to finally buy a new bike or the latest phone. How can you decide what to do?

It's not easy to figure out how to spend money when your goal is to save up for something special. In this book, *Money Smarts*, you'll learn some practical tips. You'll find out about spending, saving, and budgeting to help you know just what to do with your money.

See the Glossary on page 24 to find definitions of these and other words to know in *Money Smarts*.

account

budget

interest

Money \$marts

Money doesn't fall from the sky. But understanding how to deal with money can help you make smart choices. It's an important skill you will have for life. Get set to boost your money smarts!



A Job, a Form, and a Paycheck

Let's say you get a job at a summer camp. When you start the job, you must fill out a W-4 form. This sets things up so your employer can deduct taxes from your paycheck. When you're a teen, your mom or dad might help you fill out the form.

Form W-4		Employee's Withholding Certificate		OMB No. 1545-0074
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay. Give Form W-4 to your employer. Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.		2025
Step 1: Enter Personal Information		(a) First name and middle initial	Last name	(b) Social security number
Address		City or town, state, and ZIP code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly or Qualifying surviving spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)		Does your name match the name on your social security card? If not to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov.		
TIP: Consider using the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App to determine the most accurate withholding for the rest of the year if you are completing this form after the beginning of the year, expect to work only part of the year, or have changes during the year in your marital status, number of jobs for you (and/or your spouse if married filing jointly), dependents, other income (not from jobs), deductions, or credits. Have your most recent pay stub(s) from the year available when using the estimator. At the beginning of next year, use the estimator again to recheck your withholding.				
Complete Steps 2-4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, and when to use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App .				
Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works		Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs. Do only one of the following. (a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4App for the most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3-4), if you or your spouse have self-employment income, use this option, or (b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below; or (c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is generally more accurate than (b) if pay at the lower-paying job is more than half of the pay at the higher-paying job. Otherwise, (b) is more accurate. <input type="checkbox"/>		
Complete Steps 3-4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs. Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3-4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)				
Step 3: Claim Dependent and Other Credits		If your total income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly): Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 \$ _____ Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500 \$ _____ Add the amounts above for qualifying children and other dependents. You may add to this the amount of any other credits. Enter the total here 3 \$ _____		
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments		(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income 4(a) \$ _____ (b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here 4(b) \$ _____ (c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period 4(c) \$ _____		
Step 5: Sign Here		Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.		
		Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)		Date
Employers Only	Employer's name and address	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)	
For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see page 3.		Cat. No. 10220C	Form W-4 (2025)	

W-4 Certificate

Use this certificate to ensure the correct federal income tax from your pay.
Give this certificate to your employer.
For more information, visit www.irs.gov.

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(b) Social security number

▶ Does your name on your card match your name on your driver's license?

W-4

Form

▶ Complete

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

(a) First name and last initial

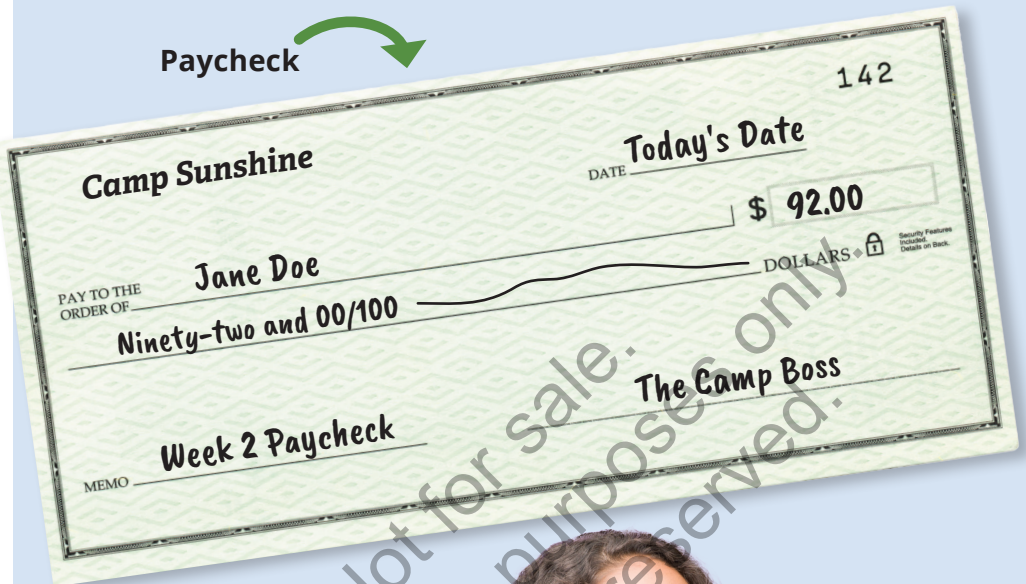
Step 1:

Enter

Address

You start the job at the camp. At the end of the week, you get a paycheck with your "net," which is the amount you take home.

Paycheck



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pay
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EMPLOYEE PAY RECORD

EMPLOYER NAME

Camp Sunshine

EMPLOYEE NAME

Jane Doe

EMPLOYER NAME

Camp address
Anytown, State, Zip Code

EMPLOYEE NAME

Jane Doe's home address
Anytown, State, Zip Code

EMPLOYER TELEPHONE

(555) 123-4567

EMPLOYEE NUMBER

27

CHECK NUMBER

142

SSN (LAST FOUR DIGITS)

1234

PAY PERIOD

Week 2

PAY DATE

Today's date

Gross Earnings	Rate	Hours	Current Total	Year to Date
Regular	10.00	10	100.00	200.00
Overtime	0	0	0	0

Deductions	Current Total	Year to Date
FICA-MEDICARE	1.00	2.00
FICA-SOCIAL SECURITY	1.00	2.00
FEDERAL TAX	5.00	10.00
STATE TAX	1.00	2.00
OTHER	0	0

CURRENT GROSS

100.00

YEAR TO DATE GROSS

200.00

CURRENT DEDUCTIONS

8.00

YEAR TO DATE DEDUCTIONS

16.00

CURRENT NET PAY

92.00

YEAR TO DATE NET PAY

184.00

You can see the net pay on the paycheck.