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# Activity One

## Money Mania

There are hundreds of currencies in the world. Across all of the continents, different cash and coins can be found. Some have bright colors, while others have a simpler design. Bills can be of different sizes, and coins will have different denominations. How easily do you think you can identify the currencies of the world? Match the symbol for each currency with its name. Travel the world from your own home!

1	Dollar	€	A
2	Yen	\$	B
3	Euro	₹	C
4	Rupee	¥	D
5	Pound	£	E
6	Peso	Mex\$	F

Answers: 1. B 2. D 3. A 4. C 5. E 6. F

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# Activity Two

## Once Upon a Fable

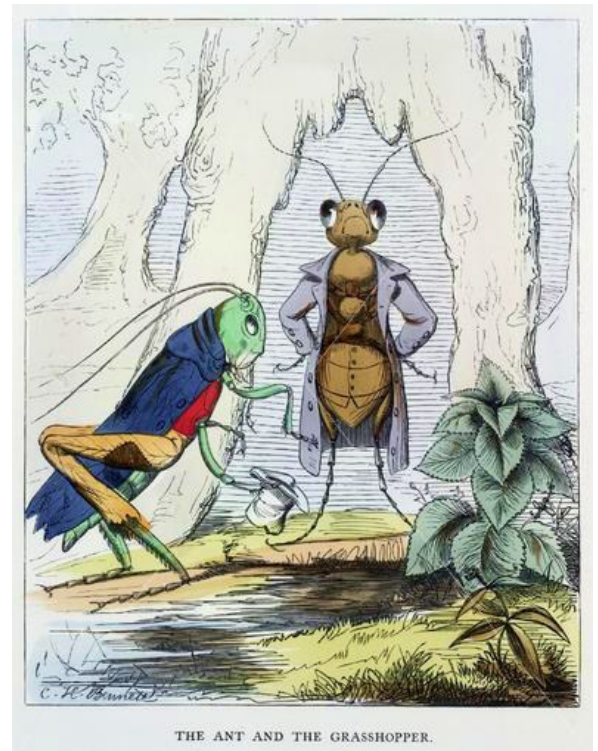
Do you know the story of the ant and the grasshopper? The ant spends all summer preparing for winter. The grasshopper relaxes and doesn't worry. When winter comes, only the ant has food. The grasshopper must beg the ant to live. How does this relate to money? As with savings, if you fail to save, you will be unprepared when you are in need.

Fables are made to teach us lessons. Aesop's fables are very popular stories that teach us morals and life advice. Often, they feature animals who have human qualities. They are short stories that are concise and easy to listen to. Fables usually have plain language and traditionally were retold orally.

You will write your own fable about money. What do you think is an important lesson about money? You will tell this lesson through your fable. Use these steps to help you get organized:

1. Choose the main message of your fable.
2. Select one or two animals that display the needed qualities.
3. Pick the setting of your story.
4. Write!
5. Read your story aloud to see if it is easily understood.

You are encouraged to read your story to a small group. See if they can understand the message before you give it away! You would be wise to learn a money lesson as well.



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# Activity Three



## Money Gurus

What are your money dreams? Do you want to be a millionaire? A billionaire? Perhaps you want to be a real estate investor. Maybe you like to think more locally and want to buy a certain house on your street. Whatever your goals, you may need some help.

People have made millions giving money advice. There are podcasts, books, television shows that all tell us what to do with our finances. Who should you listen to? Many of these experts specialize in certain areas. Some talk only about retirement, and others only about getting rid of debt. What is most important to you? Are you drowning in credit card bills? Debt management might be for you. Do you want to be a business mogul? Find a book about entrepreneurship.

Some money topics that may interest you:

- Retirement
- Real estate
- Getting rid of debt
- Stock market
- Taxes

Research a few money experts. Read some of their work. Provide a one-page summary on their ideas. You should agree with their philosophy. Think about how you can apply their message to your life. You never know, you may get rich in the process!



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# Activity Four



## Trimming the Fat

There may be a time when you need to go on a money diet. If your debt is creeping higher and higher, it may be time to look at your budget. Many people aren't aware of common places they are overspending. How often do you order takeout? Do you have a fancy coffee every morning? Costs add up!

You will create a poster highlighting ways to curb excess spending. Think of your target audience. Do you want to help students out? Perhaps you want to reach out to homeowners. Your poster will illustrate common money mistakes that are made. It should be visually appealing and informative.

Your poster should be:

- Targeted toward a specific audience. Homeowners might want to know hidden costs of a drafty home. Students might want to know how much a weekly night out might cost.
- Easy to read. Use clear graphics and limited text.
- Eye catching with visuals. Use pictures to get your message across. You can use black and white for effect or lots of color.
- Accurately spelled and grammatically correct.

Your posters should highlight ways people can have better spending habits. You may be inspired to make change yourself!



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# Activity Five



## A Dream Home

We have all seen the mega mansions of celebrities. The internet has made it possible to peek inside the luxury homes of the rich and famous. Where does your favorite celebrity live? Do they have a house on a beach? Or a mansion in the hills? If you were famous, where would you want to be?

Choose a famous home. It can be one where your favorite celebrity lives, or one that is your dream house. Perhaps it is one with historical value in your town. You will prepare a small research report on what you find. The following should be included:

- Location.
- Price.
- Number of bedrooms and bathrooms.
- Notable extras (i.e. a swimming pool).
- Mortgage costs.
- Property tax.



Once you have all of those basics, you will calculate how much it would cost to live there. Be sure to consider the mortgage and taxes. Don't forget, you will also need homeowner insurance. Many companies offer online tools to get free quotes. You should also think about how much utilities



would cost. Add up all of these expenses together, and come up with an estimated monthly cost. Does it fit in your budget? If not, you can always dream!



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# Activity Six

## A Lesson from the Past

All throughout history, there are stories of people with money problems. Markets have crashed. People have lost jobs. Companies have gone bankrupt. No matter the era, some things have remained the same.

Over time, the prices of things have increased. Inflation usually keeps things comparable, but sometimes there are unexplained jumps in price. In times of war, for instance, certain things are hard to find. This will make them more expensive. Lessons about money and its importance are passed down from generation to generation.

Interview an elder in your family. Prepare some questions ahead of time about money. Aim to have at least five questions. How did they like to spend their extra money when they were your age? What things at the grocery store were most expensive? How common were credit cards? Depending on their age, their answers may shock you!

Most importantly, you will want to ask what money lessons they can share with you. Perhaps you can learn from their mistakes, so you don't have to pay the price... with your wallet.

