

groceries wash paid  
money earn work

## Money is Funny

Mary saw her mom spend money on groceries. She saw her dad spend money on new tools. That all seemed funny to Mary.

Money is just green paper, Mary thought. Why do people give my parents groceries and tools for green paper?

Mary took out her big box of crayons. She colored some paper green. She took her green paper to the toy store in town.

“I want to buy a toy,” Mary declared.  
“Here is some green paper.”

The lady at the store said, “Sorry. That's not real money. It is just green paper.”



Mary asked her dad about money. He said that money was a special type of green paper. He also said you have to go to work to earn money. That is the only green paper you can spend.

“Can I work and earn some money?” Mary asked.

“Yes,” said her dad. “Wash the car, and I will pay you.”

Mary washed the car and got paid six dollars. She went back to the store and bought a toy.

Now, she knows why her mom and dad work for money.



# Money is Funny (exercises)

## 1. Answer these questions.

How did Mary try to make money?

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What did Mary do to earn some money?

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What did Mary's dad buy with his money?

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## 2. Pick the correct answer.

Mary washed:

- a. a toy store
- b. her hair
- c. a car

Mary colored paper green with:

- a. her pencil
- b. some spinach and lettuce
- c. a crayon

Money is:

- a. made by coloring paper green
- b. found on trees in the forest
- c. special paper you have to work for

**3. Look at a piece of paper money. Try to find words on it that you know how to read.**

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