

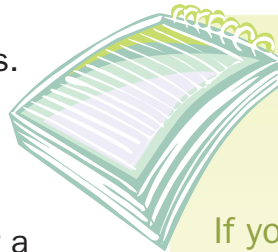
What Is Money?

Let's face it: a \$1 bill is just a piece of paper, right? And a quarter is nothing but a piece of metal. But wait: If you were saving that \$1.25, how would you feel if you lost it? Wouldn't you be upset? Sure you would! Money has **value** because it helps people get some of the things that they need or want, things that are **worth** something to them.

How do people get money? They **earn** it! Every day, across the country and around the world, people go to work. They work in places like factories,

offices, and hospitals. Different people do different jobs. But everyone who works provides a service or a product. People earn income (or money) when they provide a service or product.

As a student, your focus is on learning. All the different subjects you study—reading, writing, math, science, history—help you plan for your own future. Your interests and studies can lead you to jobs and careers. Someday you'll earn your own income!



Types of Income

If you've ever received an allowance, or money as a gift, you've received income. There are two kinds of income. Money from providing a service or product, such as an allowance for chores, is called **earned income**. Money received as a gift is called **unearned income**.

Talk About It!

Parents and adults know a lot about jobs. Talk with them about the different jobs they have had. Find out what they did when they were younger. Learn about the skills and experiences they had. Talk about your interests. Could your interests lead to a job? What can you do now to plan for the future?



<i>Mike's Bikes</i>	
SERVICE	CHARGE
Flats fixed	\$3.00
Bike washed	\$2.00
Handlebar and seat adjustment	\$2.00
Handlebars taped	\$4.00



Add It Up

For three weeks, Laura received \$5 a week for helping out on a paper route. In the third week, she also received a \$5 gift.

Complete the income columns in the chart below. Enter the amount of earned or unearned income Laura received each week.

Week	Earned Income	Unearned Income
1	\$5	
2		
3		

Work It Out!



Mike runs a weekend bicycle service. On Saturday, he worked on two bikes:

- ▶ Bike 1 needed the handlebars taped.
- ▶ Bike 2 had a flat tire.
- ▶ Both bikes got a wash.

1. Fill out a receipt for Bike 2. (The receipt for Bike 1 has been filled out for you.) Figure out the total amount received for Bike 2.

BIKE 1	
SERVICE	CHARGE
Handlebars Taped	\$4.00
Bike Washed	\$2.00
Total Received	\$6.00

BIKE 2	
SERVICE	CHARGE
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total Received	_____

2. What was Mike's total income for the day? (Hint: Add the receipts.) _____
3. On Sunday, Mike earned a total of \$11. What was his average daily income for Saturday and Sunday? _____

1. What was Laura's total income?

2. Which fraction depicts the earned income for Laura?

- (A) $\frac{5}{25}$ (B) $\frac{5}{20}$
 (C) $\frac{10}{25}$ (D) $\frac{15}{20}$

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