

# Kid Scoop

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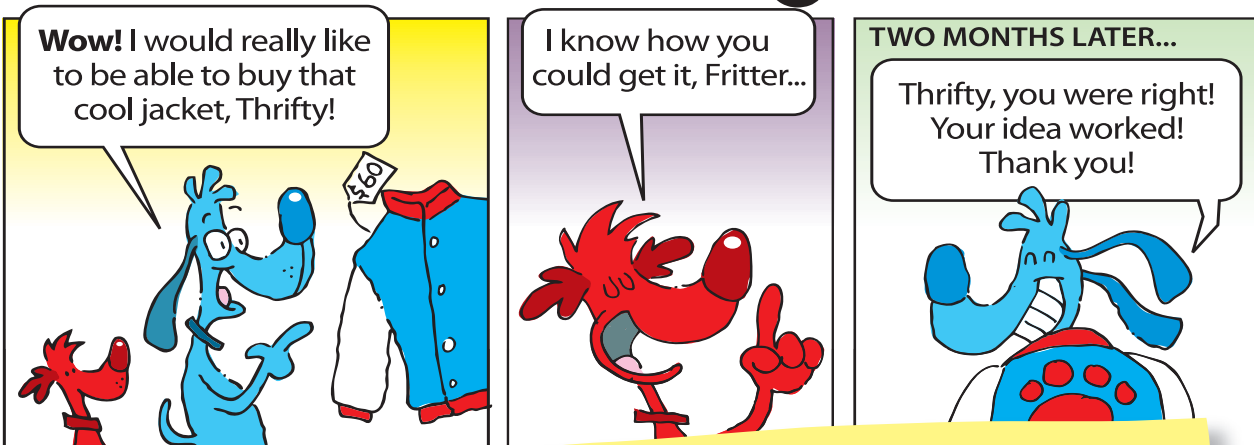


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## Kid Scoop Together: Funny Fill-in

Thrifty & Fritter™

### Reaching a Goal



#### Which jacket did Fritter choose?

Fritter's jacket doesn't have a zipper. It has stripes, but not on the sleeves. It has less than seven buttons.



Ask a family member to give you:

- 4 nouns
- 2 adjectives
- 1 verb
- 10 plural nouns

Use these words to fill in the blanks in this story. Then, read the silly story you created aloud together for lots of laughs!

Roger is a collector of \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN. As you can imagine, such a collection is quite expensive.

To save money, Roger always looks for the best \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN when shopping. He'll often compare \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN between products to see which one is a better \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN.

At the grocery store, he doesn't just fill his basket with a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN. Instead, he writes a \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN and brings it with him. He clips \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN out of the newspaper to save money. He checks the newspaper's website for special \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN, too.

Roger buys \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN in bulk. He will \_\_\_\_\_ VERB them with his friends and family if he has extras. He saves money by choosing \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN instead of more expensive \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN.

Roger also checks the classified ads for \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN when he needs new ones. He bought a very reliable car that way that doesn't use a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN.

"Thanks to the money I've saved with the newspaper, I am about to start a new collection of rare \_\_\_\_\_ PLURAL NOUN says Roger happily."

### How I Got My Jacket by Fritter

Number the steps Fritter followed in order.

In all, I repeated the goal of saving \$10 six times. And that's how I saved \$60!  
 First, I set a goal to save the money to buy it. The jacket I wanted cost \$60.  
 \$60 seemed like an enormous amount of money. But my pal Thrifty told me to think of the \$60 as a series of smaller goals.  
 After that, I made the goal to save \$10 again.  
 So I made a goal to save just \$10 at first.

Put a check next to each job Fritter did to earn \$10 to put in his piggy bank each week. If you check the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$10.

- Mowed the lawn: \$3     Took out the trash: \$1     Sold lemonade: \$4  
 Fed our neighbor's bird: \$1     Recycled bottles and cans: \$3     Raked leaves: \$2

## You Can Do It!

What is a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

My Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Break your goal into smaller goals:

**First:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Third:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fourth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

It might take more than four steps, or repeating some steps, to reach a bigger goal. Don't give up!

#### Extra! Extra!

#### The Money Round Up

Look through the newspaper for five or more numbers that show a price. Cut out each price and glue onto a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest. Round each number to the nearest 100 and write that number next to each price.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Add sums up to 100.

#### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Without using any of the coins below twice, circle the coins that add up to:

28¢    29¢    31¢    36¢

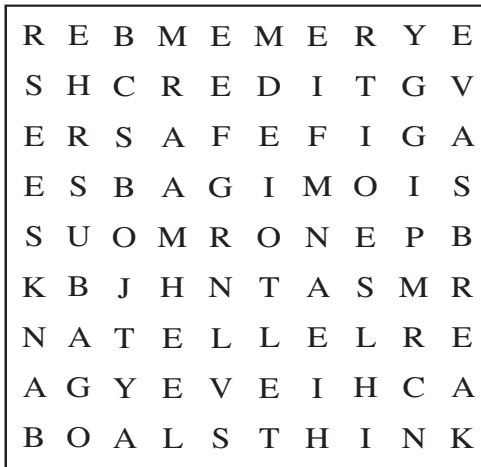


Standards Link: Math: Students compute money sums.

#### Double Double Word Search

- REMEMBER  
 ENORMOUS  
 THRIFTY  
 ACHIEVE  
 CREDIT  
 MONEY  
 TRASH  
 PIGGY  
 BANKS  
 THINK  
 GOAL  
 SAFE  
 SAVE  
 JOB

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

#### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **FRITTER**

The verb **fritter** means to waste time, money or energy.

Don't fritter away your hard-earned money on junk food.

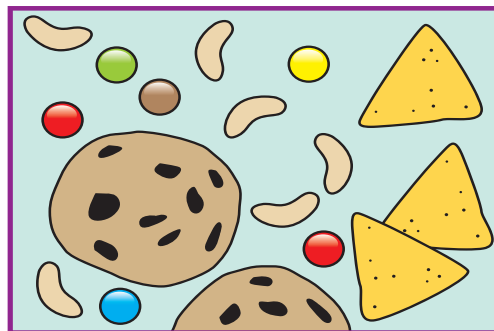
Try to use the word **fritter** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

#### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Places to Save Money

Look through the newspaper to find the names of banks and credit unions in your community. Make a chart with their names, addresses and the interest rates they offer on their savings accounts.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



#### Which snack is the richest of them all?

ANSWER: Cashews.

#### Write On! Cool Off!

#### Cool Off!

What do you do when you get angry? Do you try to calm down or "cool off"? How do you do this?

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