

Thrifty & Fritter™

REACHING A GOAL

What's up, Fritter?

I really want to buy a new scooter, Thrifty, but it costs \$60!

That's a lot. But if you try earning it \$10 at a time, you can do this!

It's like when you painted the back fence. You did it in small sections at a time, and soon it was finished!

See what I mean, Fritter?

Yep. You're saying I should have paid myself \$60 to paint the fence!

Number the steps in order to see how I saved up \$60 to buy my new scooter!

How I Got My Scooter by Fritter

First, I set a **goal** to save the money to buy it. The scooter 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.

So I made a goal to save just \$10 at first.

After that, I made the goal to save \$10 again.

In all, I repeated the goal of saving \$10 six times. And that's how I saved \$60!

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 Search

In today's newspaper or on your newspaper's website, look for articles that contain these words related to money:

- debit spending
- credit budget
- debt cost
- deficit revenue

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

TRY THIS AT HOME Can You Predict?

Part 1: Look through the newspaper and find a headline that interests you. Read the headline and look at any photos that accompany the article. With your learning buddy, discuss what you think the article will be about. List information that you both expect to find in the article:

Part 2: Now read the article together. Which of your predictions were accurate? Which were not? List five facts you learned from the article:

Name: _____
 Name of Learning Buddy: _____

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do you have a pocketful of coins? You could be a budding numismatist!

What is a numismatist?

Use the coin code at right to reveal the answer.

- = A
- = C
- = E
- = I
- = L
- = N
- = O
- = R
- = T

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Learn the definition of grade-level appropriate words.

Double Double Word Search

ENORMOUS
 RECYCLED
 REACHING
 SMALLER
 SAVING
 SERIES
 MONEY
 GOALS
 STEPS
 BREAK
 THINK
 DEBIT
 BANK
 SAVE
 BUY

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

H	O	G	N	I	H	C	A	E	R
W	T	S	P	E	T	S	Y	E	E
S	A	V	I	N	G	U	L	V	C
D	T	O	R	O	B	L	A	E	Y
E	H	A	C	R	A	S	H	E	C
B	I	S	E	M	B	A	N	K	L
I	N	A	S	O	G	O	A	L	E
T	K	A	V	U	M	I	N	G	D
G	O	A	L	S	E	R	I	E	S

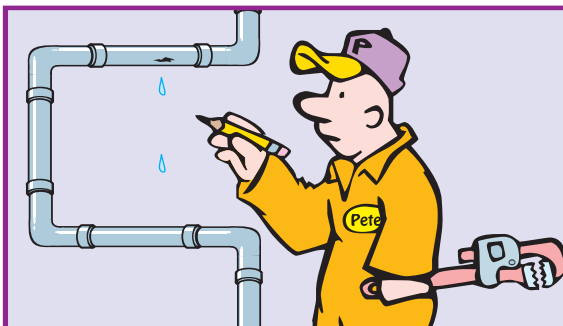
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Wants and Needs

Look through the newspaper advertisements and make a list of 10 things you **want** (toys, movies, etc.) and 10 things you **need** (healthy food, a coat, etc.). Add up the cost of each list. Are **wants** or **needs** more expensive?

Standards Link: Economics: Understand the differences between wants and needs.



Why was the dad so upset about paying the plumber to unclog the sink?

ANSWER: It was money down the drain.

Write On!

MONEY PROBLEMS

Write a word problem using money. For example: If Tom has \$2 and Annie has \$4, how much money do they have all together?

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