

Kid Scoop

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A VISIT TO PLANET MOOLAH

On the Planet Moolah, the money doesn't look like ours. But the inhabitants have their own money and they use it the same way we do to pay for stuff.

Zeekor and Stasko are traveling to the Supply Station to do some shopping. They'll need your help to figure out what things they can afford to buy. They'll also need your help counting out the money to pay.



Here is what money looks like on Planet Moolah. They don't have paper money. Instead, Moolahians use metal coins in different shapes. Below each coin, its value is shown.



FANCY FOOTWORK

Zeekor and Stasko need new boots. Add up all the money they have saved and circle the two pairs of boots that cost exactly that much.

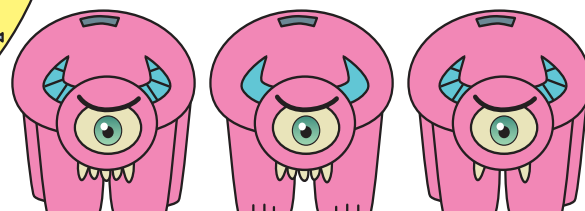
How many zinks will it cost to refuel Stasko and Zeekor's ship for the journey home? Add up the coins along the correct path. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

120 105 145
 135 115 160

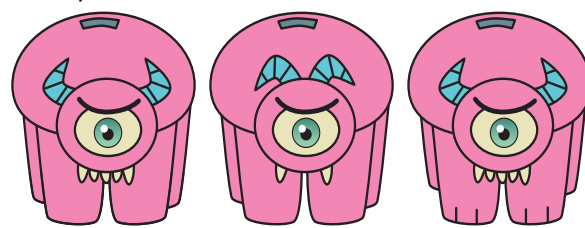
PET PROJECT

Stasko gets paid 130 zinks each day for feeding her neighbor's pet, Fralpar. While she is carefully feeding Fralpar, can you circle some Planet Moolah coins that add up to 130 zinks? Have a family member check your math.

There's got to be easier ways to make money!



Do you have a piggy bank? Kids on Planet Moolah save their money in schneekflet banks. Find the two that are the same.



SNACK ATTACK

Zeekor is ready for a tasty snack. But he needs your help sorting his money before he decides which of these out-of-this-world Supply Station snacks to buy!

Draw a line from each snack in the vending machine to the circle that contains that exact amount of Planet Moolah coins needed to buy it.

Extra! Extra! Wants and Needs

Look through the newspaper to find examples of things people NEED to survive. Then find examples of things you WANT but don't need. Cut them out and glue them onto a poster showing Needs and Wants.

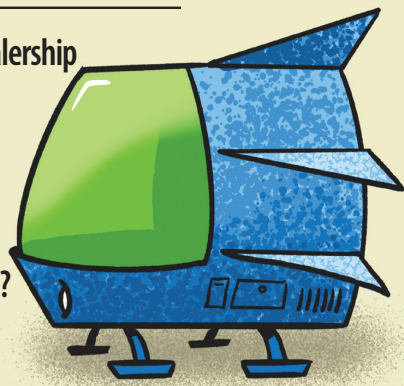
Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand basic economic concepts.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Stasko would love to buy a new Supernova Ultra ship. It costs 12,000 zinks. After giving the dealership 2,000 zinks, she has to pay it off in monthly payments.

1. How much would she have to pay per month to completely pay for the ship in 50 months?

2. Or, if Stasko gave the dealership 5,000 zinks for the first month's payment, and made payments of 500 zinks per month, how many months would it take to pay for the ship?



Double Double Word Search

CAREFULLY
MOOLAH
VENDING
MONEY
SNACK
COINS
BANKS
PAID
FIGURE
KIDS
BOOTS
BUY
PATH
VALUE
OUT

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

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

KID SCOOP'S MISSION

Children are born curious.

From their earliest days, sensory exploration brings delight and wonder. New discoveries expand their minds. When they unlock the joy of reading, their world widens further. Magic happens.

Kid Scoop opens the doors of discovery for elementary school children by providing interactive, engaging and relevant age-appropriate materials designed to awaken the magic of reading at school, at home, and throughout their lives.

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Kid Scoop Together: Shopping List

Zeekor made a list of things his mom asked him to buy. She gave him 1,000 zinks. Add up the cost of the items on the list. Then write a new list to spend as close to 1,000 zinks as possible without going over that amount.

4 VISION SHADERS _____
8 POWER CELLS _____
1 COMMUNICATOR _____
10 SOCKS _____
2 HELMETS _____
TOTAL: _____

___ VISION SHADERS _____
___ POWER CELLS _____
___ COMMUNICATOR _____
___ SOCKS _____
___ HELMETS _____
TOTAL: _____

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **AFFORD**

The verb **afford** means to have enough money to be able to buy something.

By saving money for a few months, Clara could **afford** to buy a new bike.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

It Pays to Share

Newspapers often report on people sharing with others. Look for one or more articles about people donating or raising money for a good cause. List the time, talent and/or money that was donated to this cause.

Standards Link: Reading comprehension.

What kind of star wears sunglasses?

ANSWER: A movie star.

Write On!

Why have a piggy bank?

Do you have a piggy bank? If so, why? If not, why not?

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