



A newsletter from Teachers Credit Union - April 2011

# Barter vs. Money

We all use money as a way of buying things. You may have heard of different currencies that are used around the world such as Dollars and Cents, Pounds or Yen. But did you know that there are things that you can buy without having to use physical money such as paper and coins?

Money can be anything that another person is willing to accept as payment in exchange for a good. When you exchange something other than money for another good, it is called *barter*. Sometimes people are willing to trade for something better, rather than spending money to buy a good. Here is an example: if your friend wants to swap an exclusive Pokémon card for one of your exclusive Pokémon cards, then you could both exchange the cards instead of paying money to go out and buy them. This is how people used to pay for food and other goods in the past before paper and coins existed. Think of the classic fairytale Jack and the Beanstalk, where Jack traded his cow for the beans which grew into a tall green beanstalk.

There are things that you can't barter or trade. For example: paying bills or buying groceries or clothes. It is expected that you use money to pay for these things. However, if you look around, you may notice that bartering still happens in certain situations, such as at markets, junkyards and garage sales.

Source: [www.socialstudiesforkids.com](http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com)



## Fun facts

### Accidental inventions

We all wonder how some things came to be discovered or invented, but you'll be surprised to hear that many of the things we use or even eat were discovered by accident.

Here are some examples:

- \* Cornflakes - 1906
- \* Microwave oven - 1947
- \* Post-it notes - 1980
- \* Slinky - 1945
- \* Potato chips - 1853

Can you think of anything you have discovered by accident?

Source: [www.howstuffworks.com.au](http://www.howstuffworks.com.au)





## What's on

### Jamberoo's BIGGEST Easter Egg Hunt

24th April 2011 at 9.30am  
Jamberoo Action Park, NSW  
Phone: 02 4236 0114  
[www.jamberoo.net](http://www.jamberoo.net)

### The National Folk Festival

21st - 25th April 2011  
Exhibition Park, Canberra, ACT  
Phone: 02 6262 4792  
[www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

### Fairbridge Festival

29th April - 1st May 2011  
Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra, WA  
[www.fairbridgefestival.com.au](http://www.fairbridgefestival.com.au)



## Save your holiday earnings



Easter holidays are just around the corner, so now is the time to think about doing odd jobs around the house for your family or even your neighbours. It's a great way to build up your savings and keep yourself busy over the holidays. And don't forget, as an EarthOne member, you receive special gifts when you reach savings targets of \$100, \$300, \$600 and \$1,000 in your S99 Under 18 Savings account.

## Easter basket word search

Find the words about Easter baskets listed below in the word search grid. Circle each letter one by one. Each letter of the Easter word search grid may be used in more than one word.

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

Source: [www.printactivities.com](http://www.printactivities.com)



### Easter basket word list

BASKET  
EGG HUNT  
CHOCOLATE BUNNY  
EGGIES  
CHOCOLATE EGGS  
HANDLE  
HARD BOILED EGGS  
CREAM EGGS  
JELLYBEANS  
DECORATED  
MARSHMALLOW  
EASTER BUNNY  
EASTER EGGS  
TREATS  
EASTER MORNING  
WOVEN