

Spending Money

People use money to buy things they want or need. Coins, dollar bills, checks, and debit cards are all examples of money we use today. When we use money to get goods and services, we call this spending.

People spend most of their money on items they need first. For example, everyone needs food. We use money at the grocery store to buy our food. We also need money to buy clothes for school or work, to pay for a house or apartment to live in, and to pay other bills such as electricity, water, and heat. Since we need these things to live, it's important that they are the first things that people buy with their money.

Money is also spent on things people want. You may want a new book or toy to play with. Your family may want to buy a pet or take a vacation. There are many things people want to buy that cost them money. Can you think of any more things people may want to spend their money on?

