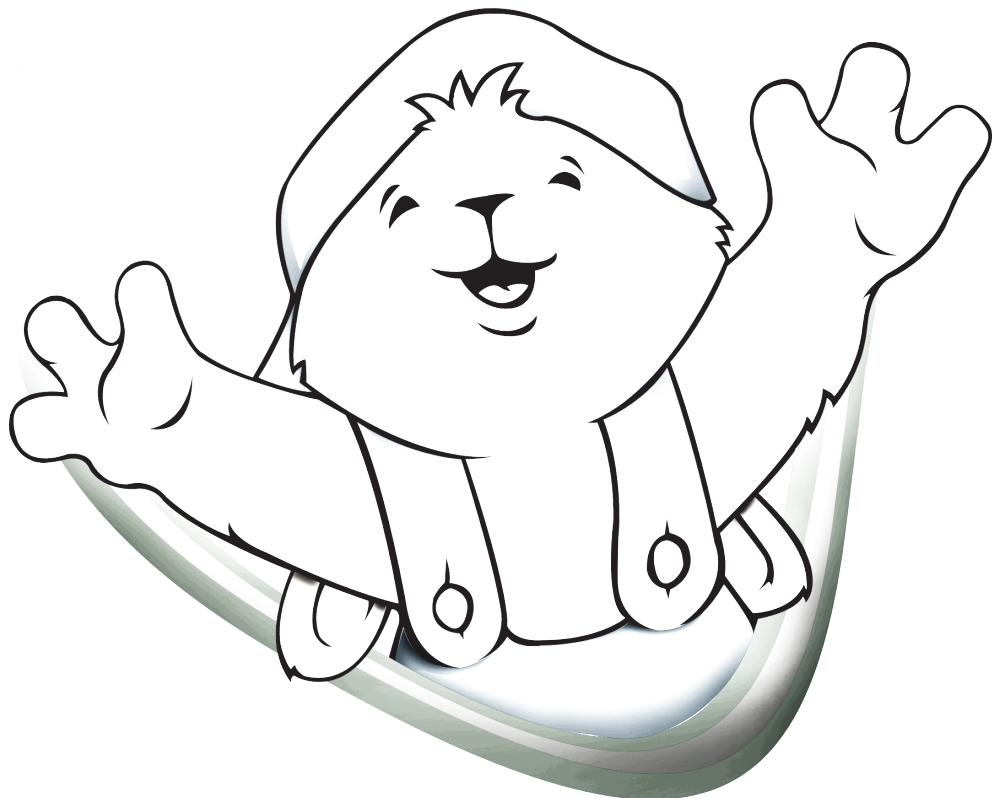


Sammy's Big Dream!

Drawing Prompts: Your illustrations. Our words.



Foreword

Thank you for being a champion of children, families, financial education and esteem building.

Sammy Rabbit's Dream Big Education Initiative aims to help kids build great habits. Money habits. Critical thinking and choice making habits. Reading habits and more.

Saving and investing are powerful habits. They teach discipline, delayed gratification, and goal setting. They build financial security and better position a person for opportunity and to make ones dreams come true.

Sammy Rabbit believes great habits give all kids better futures. And, that is what he wants, kids to have better and brighter futures!

You can learn more about Sammy as well as find additional free and low cost resources on his website, SammyRabbit.com. Enjoy Sammy's Big Dream!

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It all began the day after holiday vacation ended.

“Boys and girls, I have fantastic news!” said our teacher, Mrs. Gold. “We won the space science essay contest.”

“All right!” we cheered.

“The prize is that we all get a chance to ride the world’s first space coaster,” she said.

I began to daydream about the fantastic news.

“Calm down, kids. There are two conditions,” said Mrs. Gold. “You will need permission to go from your parents, and you will also need three-hundred dollars each.”

The news was so fantastic that I did not stop daydreaming to think about where I would get three-hundred dollars.

As soon as the bell rang, I ran home as fast as I could.

“Mama! Papa!” I yelled.

“They’re not home,” said my brother, Garbanzo.

“Guess who is going to ride the world’s first space coaster?” I bragged.

Just then, my parents came home.

“Mama! Papa!” I began. “My class won the space science essay contest. We get to ride the world’s first space coaster. May I go? The whole trip only costs three-hundred dollars. May I go?”

“Three-hundred dollars!” gasped Papa.

“Pleeeeeease, Papa?” I begged. “I will never ask for anything again.”

“You cannot give him three-hundred dollars,” said Garbanzo.

That was when I jumped on Garbanzo and tackled him.

“Sammy, get off your brother!” said Mama.

“Let Papa and me talk this over.”

That night, Papa said, “Sammy, I know that winning the essay contest was not easy.”

“No, Papa, it was hard,” I said.

“Mama and I have decided to give you half the money for the trip from our savings account, if you save the other half. Can you do it?”

I remembered the secret Auntie Squirly had taught me: **Saving is a great habit!**

“I can do it!” I said.

The announcement startled Garbanzo.

“You must be kidding, right, Sammy? You will never be able to save one-hundred-fifty dollars in time for the trip.”

“I only need to save one-hundred dollars,” I said. “I already have fifty dollars in my savings account.”

“You will not be able to save one-hundred dollars either,” said Garbanzo.

“Maybe Sammy can save the money,” said my sisters, Dyme and Penny.

I left them arguing and ran down the hall to my room. I had to make a plan. I counted the days on my calendar. It was exactly one-hundred days to blast off. *If I save one dollar a day, I can go, I thought.*

“Saving is a great habit!” I said to my dog, Nickel. **“Saving is a great habit. I can do this.”**

“Woof !” replied Nickel. (I took that as a yes.)

I worked and saved every day for weeks. I did not stop even to play with my friends.

Everything was all right until some of the kids in my class lined up early one morning to buy their tickets for the space coaster.

“Sammy,” they asked. “When are you going to buy your ticket?”

“I am not sure,” I said. “I have to save some more money first. How did you save your money so fast?”

“We did not need to,” they replied. “Our parents just gave us the money.”

Snap! I broke the pencil I was holding.

“That is not fair,” I growled.

“Take it easy, Sammy,” said my friend, Jammer. “Breaking your pencil will not help. But we could work and save together. That might help.”

“We could try, I guess.” I sighed.

When I got home, Mama knew something was wrong.

“Sammy, you look sad. What is wrong?”

“Other kids are already buying their tickets for the space trip,” I said. “I will never be able to save enough money in time to go.”

“Things are not always easy, Sammy,” said Mama. “But you can do anything you want to if you work hard and do not give up.”

“Your mama is right, Sammy,” said Auntie Squirly. “Do not give up! Keep working toward your goal. You will make it.”

“All right.” I grinned. “I’ll keep trying.”

That night, I dreamed about the space coaster. I was racing through space,
past moons, meteors, and stars.

But suddenly the dream turned into a nightmare.

“You won’t be able to save one-hundred dollars,” teased Garbanzo.

That is it! I thought. I will save more than one-hundred dollars, no matter what.

In order to save more, I decided not to buy some of my favorite things, like ice cream, candy, and baseball caps. *Keep saving!* I told myself. I was more determined than ever to ride the world's first space coaster.

Finally, the last day to buy a ticket had arrived.

“I do not think I have saved enough money,” I said to Nickel. I held my breath as the teller counted my money.

“Ten, twenty, thirty, fifty, one-hundred, one-hundred-fifty, two-hundred dollars.”

“I did it!” I shouted. “Nickel, I did it!”

I raced home with Nickel barking and chasing me.

“Mama! Papa!” I yelled. “I did it! I did it! I saved an extra one-hundred-fifty dollars! I have two-hundred dollars in all! With the one-hundred-fifty you gave me, I have fifty dollars more than I need. I can go!”

Thump!

Everyone looked around. Garbanzo had fainted.

Just then, the phone rang.

“Sammy, I have bad news,” said Jammer. “I cannot go. I still need twenty-five dollars more.”

“Hold on, Jammer,” I said. “Mama, may I give Jammer twenty-five dollars so he can ride the space coaster too?”

“Sammy, it’s your money. You saved it,” said Mama. “You may give it to Jammer if you want to.”

“Jammer, you can go!” I said. “I have twenty-five dollars I can give you.”

“No way!” said Jammer. “Really?”

“Yes, really,” I said. “It would not be fun riding the space coaster without you.”

Jammer spent the night at my house.

“Can you believe it?” I asked. “Tomorrow we will be riding in the world’s first space coaster!”

“I can hardly wait!” said Jammer.

“Me either,” I said.

Just like in my dream, we went flying past stars, meteors, and the moons of planets far from Earth.

“Yahoo!” I yelled.

“Ahhhhhhhhh. I think I am getting sick,” said Jammer.

“Hold on,” I said to my friend. “The ride is almost over. I cannot wait to tell Garbanzo about it. He will probably faint again.”

As we rode home, I pointed out the window. “Jammer, I want to go there next.”

Jammer grinned and said, “You will get there sooner than you think, Sammy, if you just keep remembering what Auntie Squirly says.”

“Right!” I laughed. **“Saving is a great habit!”**

Storybook Activities

Sammy's Big Dream

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Key Concept and Review

Measuring, Tracking, Accounting for Sammy's Dream, Goal, Money, and Choices

1. What was Sammy's big dream?

To ride _____

2. How much money did Sammy need to make his dream come true?

\$ _____

3. How long did Sammy have to reach his goal?

Exactly _____ days!

4. What money choices did Sammy make? How did Sammy manage/use his money?

Total Amount of Money: \$350.00

Money kept in savings: \$_____

Money spent on roller coaster ride: \$_____

Money given to others: \$_____

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Key Concept and Review

6. Did Sammy's big dream inspire him to make great choices? Yes No

7. Did Sammy's choices pay off? Yes No

8. What is something Sammy can do better to improve?

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Discovering My Big Dreams

Career: My big "career" dream is to be a _____

Athlete



Business Owner



Doctor



Journalist



Scientist



Astronaut



Chef



Engineer



Musician



Teacher

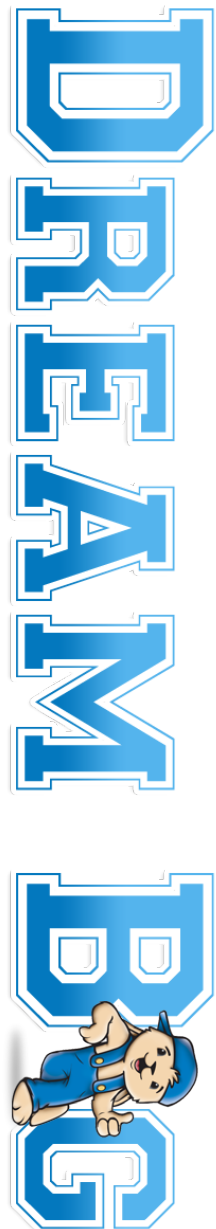


Education: My big "education" dream is to be a life-long learner and get a
 (Check all that apply)

_____ High School Diploma _____ College Degree

Money: My big "money" dreams I want to achieve are to
 (Fill in the blank)

Earn \$ _____ Save \$ _____ by age _____



"Dream big and do big, one step at a time!" -Sammy Rabbit

My Big Dream is to

My big dream college - I plan to attend and graduate from _____

Goal 1: I will read a book about _____ and finish by _____

Goal 2: I will get in the habit of saving \$ _____ per week starting _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Keyword & Definition Match

Match the story's keywords with the correct definition.

Word

Dream

Save

Savings Account

Habit

Earn

Work

Money

Goal

Plan

Buy

Give

Opportunity

Definition

A record or statement of money a person has stored at a bank or credit union to use later

To work for

Use mental energy or effort to accomplish something

To provide someone with something without expecting anything in return

Coins or bills used to trade, exchange for, or buy things

A good chance or possibility to do something

To trade or exchange money to get something we want or need

Something we think about and want to accomplish in the future

An action or behavior we repeat regularly

An outcome one aims and works to achieve to make a dream come true

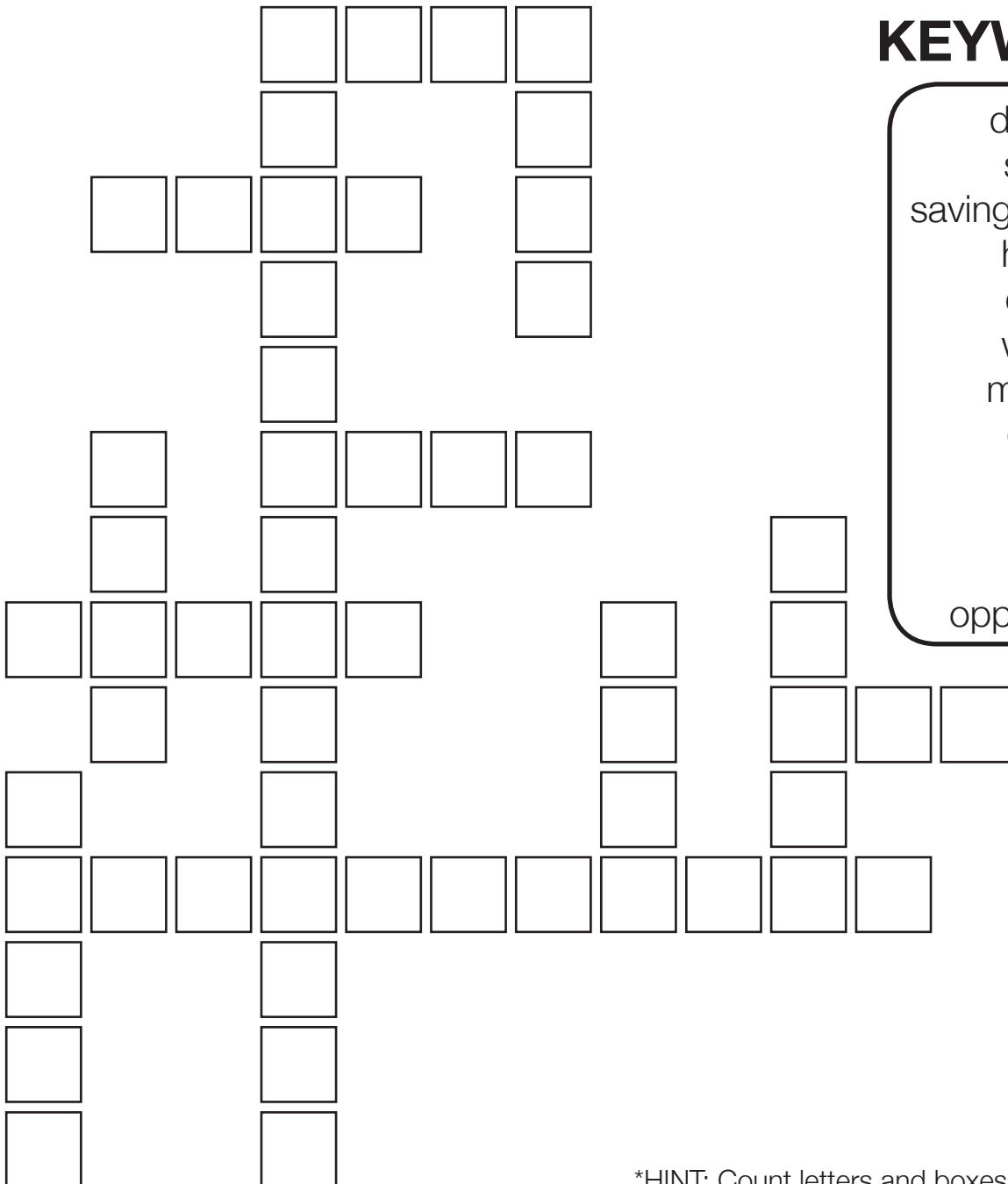
To hold onto or put away for another time

A strategy or steps for achieving a goal

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Clueless Crossword Puzzle

Solve crossword puzzle using keywords from the story Sammy's Big Dream.



KEYWORDS

dream
save
savings account
habit
earn
work
money
goal
plan
buy
give
opportunity

*HINT: Count letters and boxes in each word.

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Word Search

KEYWORDS

DREAM
SAVE
SAVINGS ACCOUNT

HABIT
EARN
WORK

MONEY
GOAL
PLAN

BUY
GIVE
OPPORTUNITY

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

Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Big Dream - Thinking Guide

Find Your Dream | Think and Plan Your Dream | Work to Reach Your Dream | Learn from Your Dream

Dreaming, Thinking, Planning

What is my big dream?

What goals do I need to set to achieve my big dream?

- What is my starting point? Where am I at?
- What do I need to do by when to be successful?

How do I plan to achieve my goals? What steps & actions do I need to take?

Taking Action: Measuring Strategies and Choices

How am I doing? Am I on track?

What choices are available to me now? Do I need to adjust my plan and actions?

- Has anything changed?
- How am I managing my resources? My time? My health? My money?

Learning and Improving

How did I do? What did I learn?

- Did I achieve my dream?
- Did I reach my goals?
- How do my results compare to my plan?
- What strategies worked?

What strategies, skills or habits can I improve?



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Sammy's Dream Big Pledge

**I promise to make read-
ing and saving habits,
starting today, so I can
make lots of big dreams
come true!**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Additional Activities

Pre-K

Use “Trace Key Words” template. Trace key words from the story.

Kindergarten

Use “Trace Key Sentences” template. Trace key word sentences from the story.

1st Grade

Use “Form a Correct Sentence” template. Form a correct sentence using the words selected from the story.

2nd Grade

Use “Acrostic Poem”. Write an acrostic poem for the word S-A-V-E

3rd Grade

Use “Caption This” template. Write a short title or description of each picture.

Any Grade

- Create your own money dictionary!
- Answer Sammy’s list of questions for you.
- Create a list of questions you want to ask Sammy.

Name _____ Date _____

Trace Key Words

Trace the key words from the book then try them on your own.

Save Save Save

Money Money Money

Goal Goal Goal

Dream Dream Dream

Name _____ Date _____

Trace Key Sentences

Trace the key sentences derived from the book.

Saving is a great habit

Working hard is a
great habit

Giving to others is
a great habit

Spend slow. Spend smart

Name _____ Date _____

Form a Correct Sentence

Unscramble the words from the story to form a complete sentence.

1. habit saving a is great

2. had plan I make to a

3. Worked saved and I

4. Not up do give

5. Keep goal toward working your

Name _____ Date _____

Acrostic Poem

Form an acrostic poem using the letters from the word SAVE.

S _____

A _____

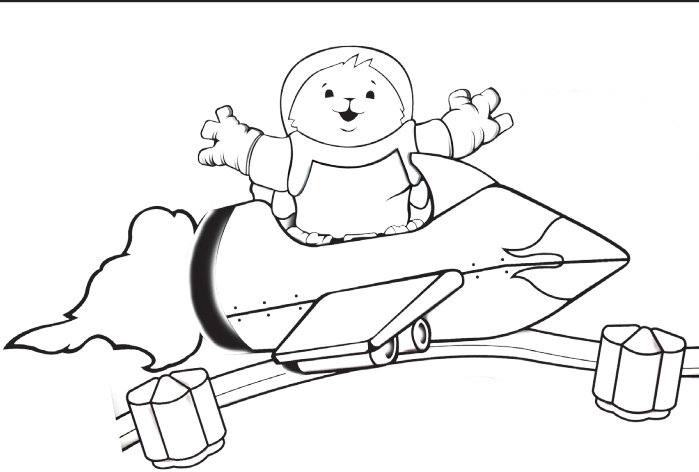
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E _____

Name _____ Date _____

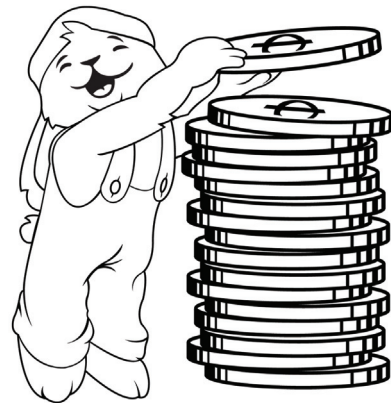
Caption This

Write a Sammyrific title or description for each picture.









Name _____ Date _____

Sammy's Questions

Discuss and answer Sammy's questions with a parent or teacher. Remember: You can do it!

Dreams

What is your big dream?

Do you have a written plan to make your big dreams come true?

Saving Money

Are you in the habit of saving money?

Do you have a savings goal? Is it weekly? Is it monthly? What are you saving for?

Plans

Do you have a written plan you achieve your savings goal?

Are you in the habit of working and studying hard?

Work and Effort

Are you in the habit of giving your best effort?

Are you willing to work hard to make your big dreams come true?

Are you willing to give extra effort to reach your savings goal?

Giving

Are you in the habit of giving to others?

Attitude and Character

What kind of friend are you?

Are you willing to work with others as a team?

Do you have a can-do attitude?

Are you determined?

Learning

Do you like to learn?

What kind of study habits do you have?

Are you in the habit of reading daily?



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Name _____ Date _____

Questions for Sammy

Create a list of questions for Sammy.

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Glossary

Short definitions of keywords from the story

Account

Definition: Bank record of a person's money

Synonyms: Record

Buy

Definition: Pay to get something

Synonyms: Purchase, Spend

Can

Definition: Able to do

Synonyms: Able, Capable

Cost

Definition: Price of something

Synonyms: Price

Chance

Definition: Opportunity to do something

Synonyms: Opportunity

Counted

Definition: To have added up

Synonyms: Added, Calculated

Decided

Definition: Made a choice

Synonyms: Chosen, Selected

Determined

Definition: Strong feeling to do something

Synonyms: Serious, Set

Dollars

Definition: Money equal to 100 cents

Synonyms: Bills

Dream

Definition: Things we think about

Synonyms: Wish, Desire

Glossary

Short definitions of keywords from the story

Get

Definition: Start to do right away

Synonyms: Start, Begin

Give

Definition: To provide

Synonyms: Provide, Donate

Goal

Definition: Something you want to achieve

Synonyms: Target, Aims

Habit

Definition: Action we repeat

Synonyms: Repeat, Pattern

Make

Definition: Cause to happen

Synonyms: Act, Do

Money

Definition: Coins or paper bills

Synonyms: Cash, Dollars

Need

Definition: Something necessary

Synonyms: Required

Plan

Definition: Set of steps to achieve something

Synonyms: Map, Strategy

Save

Definition: Put away for future

Synonyms: Keep, store

Saving

Definition: Act of storing money away for future

Synonyms: Depositing

Glossary

Short definitions of keywords from the story

Savings

Definition: Money put away for future

Synonyms: Money stored

Time

Definition: Passing of minutes, days

Synonyms: Moment

Want

Definition: Something you wish for

Synonyms: Wish, Desire

Worked

Definition: To do a job

Synonyms: Gave effort, Toiled

What's Your Big Dream?

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