

L.6 Savings (Answer Key)

1. Why do you save money?
 - a. Savings to buy something expensive (a bike, car, house, etc.)
 - b. Savings to store money in a safe place (the bank) where it gains interest [Interest is the price paid for borrowing money. When you put your money in a savings account in the bank, the bank uses your money to make loans to people, businesses, etc. The bank then pays you interest for borrowing your money.]
 - c. Savings to have a safety reserve in case something unexpected occurs (natural disaster, emergency, theft, etc.)

2. Where do you save money?
 - a. Kids can save money in a piggy bank, a shoe box, a sock, etc.
 - b. Adults can save money in a savings account, a safety deposit box, etc.

3. Why do different aged people save money in different places?
 - a. Some people have more money than other people and therefore are more careful where they save their money.

4. What is a savings account?
 - a. A savings account is an account used to deposit money at a bank or credit union and earn interest on the account over time. Money can be added or removed from the account by visiting the bank.

Group Discussion

Examples of saving:

- Why should you turn off the sink when you brush your teeth? [To save water]
- Why should you turn off the lights when you leave a room? [To save energy/electricity]
- Why should you walk/ride your bike/take the bus/carpool to school? [To save gas]

Save water by:

- Taking shorter showers
- Watering your plants in the evening and early morning before the sun can evaporate the water
- Transforming your lawn into a drought-tolerant landscape

Save energy by:

- Unplugging your appliances once you're finished with them
- Change your light bulbs to compact fluorescent
- Bundle up in warm clothes instead of turning on the heat or open the windows and take something off instead of turning on the air conditioning

Save gas by:

- Using public transportation
- Hitch a ride with a friend

What are ways to save food?

- Serve yourself only what you will eat at lunch
- Finish what is on your plate
- Eat food at home before it goes bad
- Remember to eat leftovers
- Compost food that you can't eat anymore; this gets turned into soil instead of going in the landfill