

Christmas Money Word Problems

SAVE · SPEND · MAKE CHANGE



29 pages · 6 formats · 52 money items

1st Grade · 2nd Grade · Special Ed

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Every page opens with a short holiday word problem about money — saving for a gift, making change on a holiday item, comparing to a price, finding the fewest coins, or a full story with work space — and every coin stays under a dollar. Nothing here is priced in dollars; every amount is written in cents, and every student named on a page is invented.

THREE STEPS

1 Pick the format

How Much in All? (pages 6–7), How Much Change Back? (pages 8–9), Can You Afford It? (pages 10–11), Fewest Coins (pages 12–13), Money Story Problems (pages 14–15), or Cut and Glue (pages 16–17). The contents page (5) gives every page number.

2 Work the page, check the answer

Every page has its own name/date line and a “My work” space. The three answer key pages (18–20) are generated from the same coin values the worksheets use.

3 Record it, send it home

Score each format on the tracker (page 21), see it as a bar graph on the snapshot (page 22), roll the group up on page 23, and send the family update (page 25) and home practice page (page 26).

WHICH PAGE, WHEN

WHEN...	USE...
Combining two or three coin kinds	How Much in All?, page 6–7
Working out change from a holiday purchase	How Much Change Back?, page 8–9
Comparing money to a holiday item's price	Can You Afford It?, page 10–11
Finding the fewest coins for an amount	Fewest Coins, page 12–13
Reading a full word problem and showing work	Money Story Problems, page 14–15
Better with cutting and gluing	Cut and Glue, page 16–17

Everything inside (29 pages)

- 8 **How Much in All?** items, 2 pages
- 8 **How Much Change Back?** items, 2 pages
- 8 **Can You Afford It?** items, 2 pages
- 8 **Fewest Coins targets**, 2 pages
- 8 **Money Story Problems** plus 1 worked example, 2 pages
- 12 **Cut and Glue pieces**, 2 pages
- 3 **answer keys**, 1 **tracker**, 1 **snapshot**, 1 **class grid**
- 1 **family update**, 1 **home page**, 1 **filled example**, 1 **phrase bank**, 1 **binder cover** with tabs

Every value computed, never typed

Every total, change amount, afford comparison, fewest-coins count and story answer in this file comes from the coin values shown, in code — the fewest-coins key is also cross-checked against a second method so a short-cut cannot ship a wrong answer.





MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Count the coins. Write how much money in all.

1

Nora is saving money for a holiday gift.
Nora has 1 Quarter, 2 Dimes. How much
money has Nora saved in all?



My work

 ¢

2

Theo is saving money for a holiday gift.
Theo has 3 Nickels, 2 Pennies. How much
money has Theo saved in all?



My work

 ¢

3

Amara is saving money for a holiday gift.
Amara has 3 Dimes, 2 Nickels. How much
money has Amara saved in all?



My work

 ¢

4

Felix is saving money for a holiday gift.
Felix has 2 Quarters, 4 Pennies. How much
money has Felix saved in all?



My work

 ¢

HOW MUCH CHANGE
BACK?, SET A

MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Count the coins paid. Write the change.

1

An ornament costs 22¢. A child pays with 1 Quarter. How much change should the child get back?



My work

 ¢

2

A candy cane costs 38¢. A child pays with 1 Quarter, 1 Dime, 1 Nickel. How much change should the child get back?



My work

 ¢

3

A holiday sticker costs 14¢. A child pays with 1 Dime, 1 Nickel. How much change should the child get back?



My work

 ¢

4

A mini stocking costs 44¢. A child pays with 2 Quarters. How much change should the child get back?



My work

 ¢



MY NAME:

DATE



☐ Read the story. Count the coins. Circle YES or NO.

1

A wrapping paper roll costs 48¢. A child has 2 Quarters. Can the child afford it?

☐ YES☐ NO

2

A box of ornaments costs 65¢. A child has 1 Quarter, 1 Nickel. Can the child afford it?

☐ YES☐ NO

3

An advent calendar costs 55¢. A child has 2 Quarters, 1 Dime. Can the child afford it?

☐ YES☐ NO

4

A mini wreath costs 30¢. A child has 2 Dimes, 1 Nickel. Can the child afford it?

☐ YES☐ NO



MY NAME:

DATE



Show the amount. Use the fewest coins you can.

52¢

P

N

D

Q

Fewest coins used

68¢

P

N

D

Q

Fewest coins used

81¢

P

N

D

Q

Fewest coins used

95¢

P

N

D

Q

Fewest coins used

MONEY STORY PROBLEMS,
SET A

MY NAME:

DATE



Read the story. Show your work. Write the answer.

WORKED EXAMPLE

Example: Milo has 35¢. He earns 18¢ for shoveling snow off a sidewalk. How much money does Milo have now?

$$35¢ + 18¢ = 53¢$$

1

Ruby has 37¢. Ruby spends 10¢ on a candy cane. How much money does Ruby have left?

My work

 ¢

2

Dash has 73¢. Dash spends 7¢ on a small ornament. How much money does Dash have left?

My work

 ¢

3

Noor has 51¢. Noor spends 49¢ on a roll of wrapping paper. How much money does Noor have left?

My work

 ¢

4

Santiago has 21¢. Santiago spends 17¢ on a holiday sticker sheet. How much money does Santiago have left?

My work

 ¢



MY NAME:

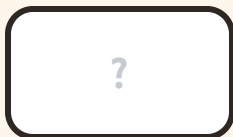
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Cut out the coins. Glue each one next to the amount it makes.

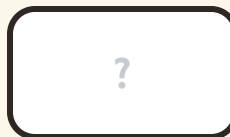
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42¢



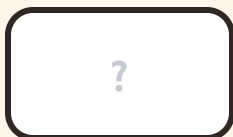
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53¢



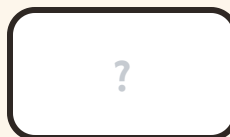
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66¢



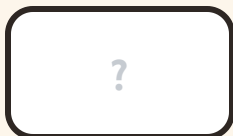
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74¢



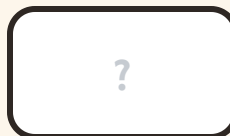
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88¢

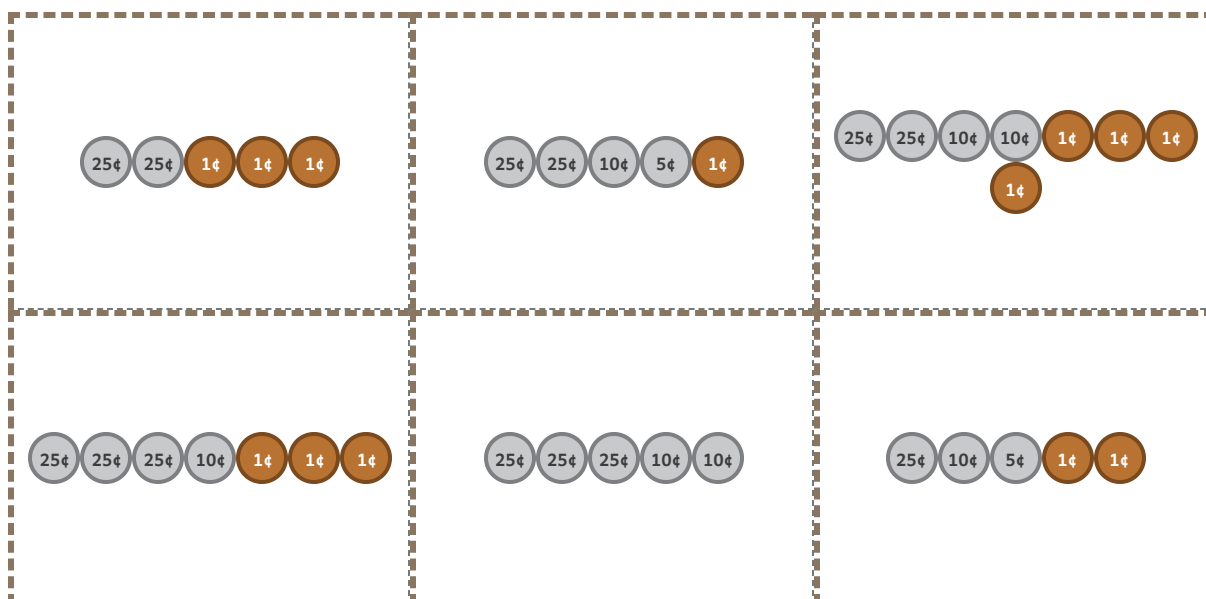


6

95¢



Cut on the dashed lines.





STUDENT

TEACHER

DATE

SKILL AREA	ITEMS	SCORE	NOTES
How Much in All?	8		
How Much Change Back?	8		
Can You Afford It?	8		
Fewest Coins	8		
Money Story Problems	8		
Cut and Glue	12		
Total	52		

How to score it

Write the number correct in Score. 52 items in all across six holiday money-word-problem formats. A filled example is on page 24, and the same six scores become a bar graph on the snapshot, page 22.

THIS STUDENT IS WORKING ON (COMBINING COINS, MAKING CHANGE, COMPARING TO A PRICE, FEWEST COINS, FULL WORD PROBLEMS...)



RAFAEL'S TRACKER, INVENTED



Rafael M. is invented; nothing on this page describes a real student. The blank tracker is on page 21.

STUDENT

Rafael M. (an invented student)

TEACHER

Ms. Albright (invented)

SKILL AREA	ITEMS	SCORE	NOTES
How Much in All?	8	6	
How Much Change Back?	8	7	
Can You Afford It?	8	8	
Fewest Coins	8	4	
Money Story Problems	8	7	
Cut and Glue	12	9	
Total	52	41	

How to read it

Rafael M. scored **41 of 52** items. Lowest scores: How Much in All? (6 of 8), How Much Change Back? (7 of 8), Fewest Coins (4 of 8), Money Story Problems (7 of 8), Cut and Glue (9 of 12).

What the Notes column is for

What you saw (coins counted one at a time, change direction mixed up, a model needed for Fewest Coins) and what you did about it — never a conclusion; that is the team meeting's job.

The same six scores on the snapshot graph (page 22)

How Much in All?		6/8
How Much Change Back?		7/8
Can You Afford It?		8/8
Fewest Coins		4/8
Money Story Problems		7/8
Cut and Glue		9/12





THANK YOU FOR USING THIS RESOURCE

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WHAT'S NEXT FROM THIS STORE

A teacher who already owns the all-year Money Word Problems pack is buying a seasonal reskin of the same skill, not a different skill — the all-year version is listed first below.

Money Word Problems
IN ALL - CHANGE BACK - FEWEST COINS

29 pages - 6 formats - 82 money items

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Money Word Problems Worksheets | Coins Under a Dollar, 1st-2nd Grade

The all-year version of this same skill, no season, for the rest of the calendar.

Counting Coins
NAME IT - COUNT IT - TRADE IT

29 pages - 6 formats - 70 coin items

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Counting Coins Worksheets | Pennies Nickels Dimes Quarters K-2

Naming, counting and trading pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters — no stories, just the coins.

K - 2ND GRADE - MATH **TENS AND ONES**

TENS AND ONES

Base-ten blocks read as numbers, built from a blank mat, written as expanded form, worked in a table, and checked with three choices — five formats for the same tens-and-ones skill. A tracker, a snapshot graph, a class grid and a family update. Print, or type the names and trackers. PDF.

30 Pages 84 Place Value Items 5 Formats No Clip Art

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Place Value Tens and Ones Worksheets | Base Ten Blocks, K-2

Base-ten blocks for building and breaking apart two-digit numbers.

Part of the K-2 Math Practice collection — new products in this collection are added regularly. Click **Follow** on the store page and TPT will email you when they go up.

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