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Long ago, people traded with each other to get things they needed and wanted. People in one community might have more rice than they needed.

They could trade it for something they didn't have, like cloth.

Trading things without money is called bartering.

This happens when someone has more of a good than they need. They trade that good with someone who has something they need.

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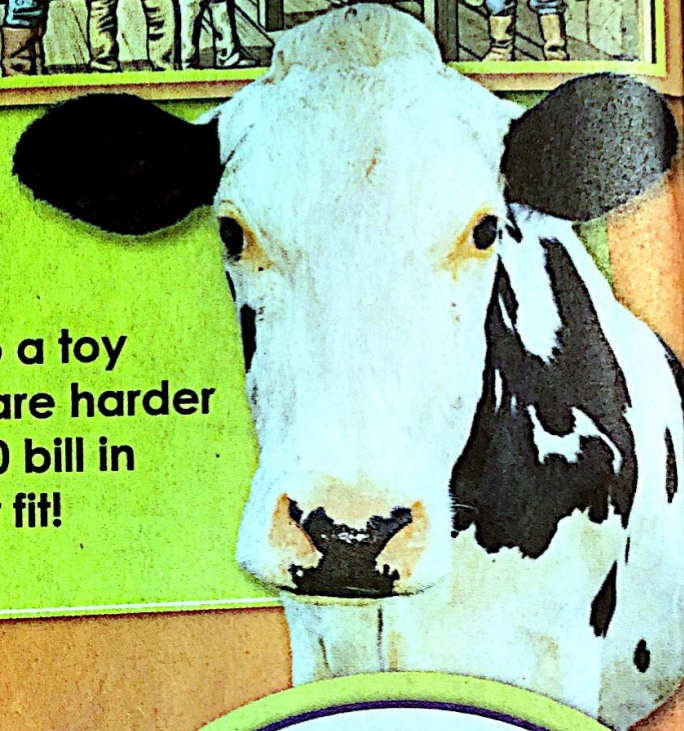
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People haven't always used money. Long ago, people traded instead. Bartering is another word for trading. People traded what they had lots of for things they didn't have. Some traded foods, like corn or wheat.



A problem with bartering is that the thing you might want to trade may be hard to carry. Could you get a cow into a toy store to trade it for a bike? Most things are harder to carry than money. You can put a \$10 bill in your pocket, but a bushel of corn won't fit!



Sometimes you have to give up one thing to get something else. You need to make a choice. To barter for something you want or need, you have to give away something you have.



Have you traded something in your lunchbox for something in a friend's lunch? Then you have bartered! You gave something away and got something else.



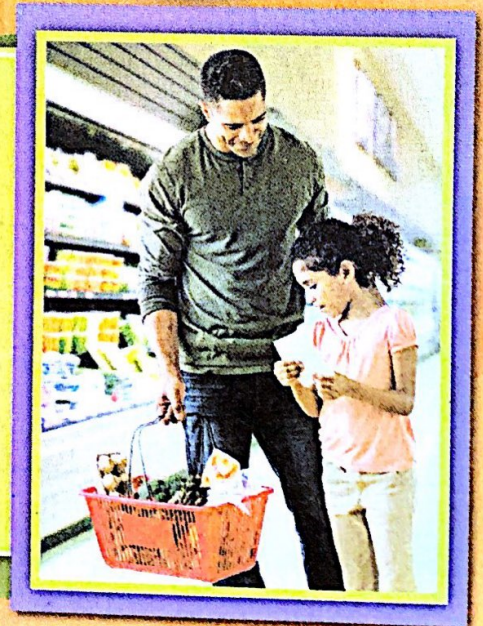


We know that people trade. Did you know that communities, states and countries trade? When countries do not have enough of something, they barter goods.

Not many bananas are grown in the United States. How can you buy them in any grocery store? The U.S. trades with countries that grow them, like Ecuador. Ecuador sends bananas to the U.S. and the U.S. sends soybeans and wheat to Ecuador.



Most people work to make money. We work more hours to make more money. At work, we trade our time for money. Then, we trade our money for goods and services that we need and want.





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Georgia's rivers are important for trade. When bananas come to Georgia, they might be sent on the rivers. On the map, trace the path bananas would take from the ocean to Atlanta, Augusta and Albany.

Write the name of the river the bananas would travel on to each city:



Atlanta _____

Augusta _____

Albany _____

Write a sentence that tells why bartering is useful. Write a sentence that tells why trading with money is useful.

You may have bartered with friends before, like trading desserts. Draw a picture of you bartering with a classmate.

Photos of girls trading lunch, girl eating banana, female mechanic and father and daughter grocery shopping courtesy of Getty Images