



# You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime



Use these questions with children 5 to 8 years old to discuss the following economic concepts in *You Can't Buy a Dinosaur with a Dime* by Harriet Ziefert (ISBN: 1-929766-81-5): **saving** and **spending**.

**1. Where did Pete keep his money?**

Pete kept his money in a jar.

**2. Where would be a better place for Pete to keep his money?**

Pete could keep his money in an account at a bank or credit union. Also, banks and credit unions pay interest on savings—so you can reach a savings goal a little bit faster. (Note to parents: Banks and credit unions are a safe place to keep savings because the money is protected from loss [up to \$250,000 per account].)

**3. Saving means putting money aside to buy things later. What was Pete saving his money for?**

Pete wanted to buy a toy.

**4. Spending means using money to buy goods or services now. What did Pete first spend his money on at Harry's Store and how much did he spend?**

Pete spent \$3.20 on a green dinosaur.

**5. After buying the first dinosaur, Pete only had 30 cents left. How did Pete get more money to save?**

Pete carried out old papers, swept the dirty floor, sorted the recycling, earned an allowance, found a dime on the sidewalk, and sold baseball cards to Kate.

**6. The second time Pete shopped at Harry's Store, he decided to buy a small dinosaur? Why do you think he made this decision?**

The small dinosaur was \$2.00 and the triceratops was \$3.00. Pete probably didn't want to spend all of his money but save some instead.

**7. If you had \$3.50 like Pete, what would you do with it?**

Answers will vary.