

# Curious George Saves His Pennies



Use these questions with children 5 to 7 years old to discuss the following economic concepts in *Curious George Saves His Pennies* by Monica Perez (ISBN: 978-0-547-81853-5): **saving**, **savings goal**, **earning income**, and **gift money**.

- 1. Saving means keeping some of your income to buy things in the future. Spending means using your income to buy things now. Did George save or spend?**

He did both.

- 2. A savings goal is a good or service that you want to buy in the future. What was George's savings goal?**

A red train

- 3. What is your savings goal?**

Answers will vary.

- 4. Where did George save his money?**

He saved it in a piggy bank.

- 5. Where do you save your money?**

Answers will vary.

- 6. Where else can people save money?**

Answers will vary but may include in a jar, under a mattress, or in a bank.

- 7. What happened to George's piggy bank?**

He lost it at the park.

- 8. What could George have done to keep his money safe?**

He could have kept a closer eye on it.

- 9. Sometimes people receive money as gifts from family or friends. Gift money is freely given and not earned. What gift money did George receive?**

In the story, George's allowance is gift money because he didn't do anything to earn it.

- 10. When do you receive gift money?**

Answers will vary but may include birthdays, holidays, and so on.

- 11. How did George get money to save so that he could buy the train?**

He got allowance from his friend, found money at home, raked leaves for his neighbor Mr. Reddy, washed windows, distributed flyers, delivered flowers, and did dishes.

- 12. How have you earned income?**

Answers will vary but may include by making the bed, taking out the trash, helping take care of a sister or brother, collecting the mail for a neighbor, or receiving an allowance. NOTE: Allowance can fall into earned income or gift money, depending on whether parents expect children to complete specific chores as part of receiving the allowance.

- 13. How do your mom, dad, or other family members earn income?**

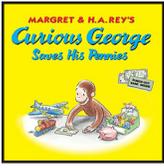
Answers will vary.

- 14. How does a teacher earn income?**

By helping students learn

**How does a doctor earn income?**

By helping sick people



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## **How does a custodian earn income?**

By cleaning a school or an office

## **How does a carpenter earn income?**

By building things

## **15. What did George do when the little girl, Hana, found and returned his piggy bank?**

He bought a different train for himself, and he bought her a train to say thank you.

## **16. Do you think George did the right thing by buying Hana a train too?**

Answers will vary.

## **17. Why was George's friend proud of George?**

Because George worked and saved his money to buy the train and because George was generous and bought Hana a train, too