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Topic: Life skills - 'Making change' - working with money

Reading/Discussion

Johnny had been saving his money for four weeks. His mom and dad gave him \$5 dollars a week for pocket money and on his birthday, two days ago, his grandma gave him \$30 dollars as a gift. He put all his money into his new birthday wallet and off he went to the shopping mall to spend it. At the mall he met his friend, Alan. Johnny bought ice-creams for himself and Alan so they could eat while they shopped. The ice-creams cost him \$1.50 each.

Next Johnny and Alan stopped at his favorite store, Toys to Go. Johnny couldn't wait to see whether the toy car he had been saving for was still there. It was! Quickly he picked it up and took it to the counter where he carefully counted out the \$20.50 he needed to buy it. After the shop assistant gave him his change, he and Alan discussed where to go next.

"How about going to the movies?" asked Alan, there's a superhero film showing today. The two boys ran off to the movie theatre and Johnny bought their tickets which cost \$6.75 each. He also bought them each a cold drink which cost \$2.50 each and a big bag of popcorn, which cost \$3.00, to share. He put the change into his wallet and the boys spent a happy 2 hours watching their favorite movie characters. After the show the boys started on their way home.

"Thank you for spending your money on me" Alan said to his friend.

"Its much more fun to share", said Johnny. He looked into his wallet. "I still have some change; shall we buy some candy on the way home?"

They stopped at the Candy Store to choose. There were liquorice sticks for \$1.25 each, suckers for \$1 each and chocolate bars for \$2.50 each. The boys chose their candy and Johnny went home with an empty wallet.

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Activities:

A. How did Johnny spend his money?

Read the story then help Johnny work out his change.

1. Johnny had been saving his money for four weeks. His mom and dad gave him \$5 dollars a week for pocket money and on his birthday, two days ago, his grandma gave him \$30 dollars as a gift. How much money did Johnny have?
2. Johnny bought ice-creams for himself and Alan so they could eat while they shopped. The ice-creams cost him \$1.50 each. How much change did he get?
3. Johnny picked up the toy car and took it to the counter where he carefully counted out the \$20.50 he needed to buy it. After the shop assistant gave him his change, he and Alan discussed where to go next. How much money does he have left?
4. The two boys ran off to the movie theatre and Johnny bought their tickets which cost \$6.75 each. Now how much money does he have?
5. He also bought them each a cold drink which cost \$2.50 each and a big bag of popcorn, which cost \$3.00, to share. He put the change into his wallet. How much money does he have in his wallet now?
6. At the Candy Store, liquorice sticks go for \$1.25 each, suckers \$1 each, and chocolate bars \$2.50 each. The boys chose their candy and Johnny paid at the counter. The candy cost exactly the amount that was left in his wallet. What candy do you think the boys might have bought?

B. How will you spend your money?

If you had \$50 to spend, what would you spend it on? Make a list of the things you would like to buy and show how much you think each one would cost. Would you have any change left after your shopping trip?

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Answer Sheet

Activity A

1. \$50
2. \$47
3. \$26.50
4. \$13
5. \$5
6. 2 chocolate bars OR 4 liquorice sticks OR 5 suckers OR 1 chocolate bar and 2 liquorice sticks