



Story sheet

Harold's money



Harold was in his bedroom counting his money. He was a bit sad because only had £1.50 left in his money box and he wanted to buy a new book because he loves reading.

However, when he got to school his friend Derek gave him a pound.

'What's this for,' said Harold?

'It's the money I owe you from last weekend,' said Derek, 'You lent me a pound so that I could buy an ice cream. Had you forgotten?'

'Oh yes, I had,' said Harold and he put the pound safely in his pocket. When he got home later on he put the pound into his money box.

[How much money did Harold have now?]

His mum called him down from his bedroom. 'Harold' she said, 'There's a bit of a surprise for you down here'. Harold ran down the stairs to see what was happening. His mum said that an envelope had arrived from his Aunt Georgina in Africa. Harold opened the envelope. It was a birthday card with a lovely picture of a giraffe on the front. When he opened the card a five pound note fell out. Harold read the message. Aunt Georgina had forgotten his birthday last month but was sending the card and money now she had remembered. Harold was delighted!

[How much money did Harold have now?]

Harold went upstairs and put the money in his money box and counted up what he had. Brilliant – he now had £7.50. The only problem was that the book he wanted was £10.00.

[How much more money did Harold need to buy his book?]

Harold went downstairs and found his mum. 'Are there any jobs I can do to earn £2.50?' he asked.

Harold's mum looked around and said, 'Yes, there is actually. I haven't managed to dust around the house this week. If you could do that and run the vacuum cleaner around downstairs then I will give you £2.50.'

Harold was really pleased and before too long Harold had done the dusting and cleaning and his mum had given him the money he needed to reach his target of ten pounds.

'Mum,' he said, 'Can we go into town tomorrow and buy that book?'

'Yes, of course,' Harold's mum said.

'And why don't you buy that book you were looking for too?' asked Harold?

'Not this week,' she said, 'I'll have to wait until I get paid at the end of the month. Money doesn't grow on trees you know and I've had a lot of bills to pay in the last few weeks.'

The next day Harold went into town but instead of buying the book he wanted he popped into the library first and found that there was a copy in there which he could borrow with his library card for free.

'I'm going to save some of my money,' thought Harold, 'But first of all I'm going to buy some flowers for my mum because she's so kind to me.' And he went straight to the flower stall and bought a lovely bunch of daffodils for two pounds.

[How much money did Harold have left to put back in his money box?]