# **Earning Money Comprehension Check**

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1. After working for my employer, I will receive a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the payment of wages for my work.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is money paid by people for the support and services of the government. For example, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is taken from money earned by people or corporations.
3. The idea that as demand increases, prices rise with it is considered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whereas the idea that as supply increases, prices may begin to fall is considered the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. PC’s Lemonade is considered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it is a new, small business.
5. List three basic ways people can earn money.
6. List at least three educational or training options people have after receiving a high school diploma.
7. Why is it important to get an education or pursue specific training?
8. Look back at pages 14-21. Choose one character and describe what that character would need to do to be successful in their chosen career path.
9. Look back at pages 30-33. Explain why Paycheck’s plans worked and why PC’s Lemonade was a successful startup. Consider using vocabulary words from the text.
10. Provide at least two examples to describe how the government uses income collected from taxes.

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1. After working for my employer, I will receive a paycheck, the payment of wages for my work.
2. A tax is money paid by people for the support and services of the government. For example, income tax is taken from money earned by people or corporations.
3. The idea that as demand increases, prices rise with it is considered the Law of Demand, whereas the idea that as supply increases, prices may begin to fall is considered the Law of Supply.
4. PC’s Lemonade is considered a startup because it is a new, small business.
5. List three basic ways people can earn money.
   1. People can earn money by investing, selling goods, or providing services.
6. List at least three educational or training options people have after receiving a high school diploma.
   1. People can pursue further education such as earning an associate degree, bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, doctorate degree or they can consider training to become an apprentice, journeyperson, or master tradesperson.
7. Why is it important to get an education or pursue specific training?
   1. It is important to get an education or pursue specific training after receiving a high school diploma because this will help prepare you for a specific career path. In addition, education and training help better our world, help pass knowledge down to future generations, and provide life skills.
8. Look back at pages 14-21. Choose one character and describe what that character would need to do to be successful in their chosen career path.
   1. Student answers will vary, consider the information below:
      1. Piggy Bank would like to become a veterinarian. This would require college science courses like biology, chemistry, and zoology. Next, Piggy Bank would need to earn a graduate degree at veterinary school before applying for a license to be a profession vet. (p. 14-15)
      2. Bill would like to become a car mechanic. Bill could take vocational training to help learn the skills needed to work in a trade. Next, Bill can become an apprentice to an experienced car mechanic which will help him learn even more about the trade. After Bill gains experience, he can take a test to become a certified auto mechanic! (p. 16-17)
      3. Stock is not sure what they would like to do yet and that’s okay. Stock considers becoming a professional violinist. That would require taking violin lessons and practicing now to become a better player. Next, Stock could apply to study music at a conservatory and maybe even receive a Master of Music degree. Stock will need to practice and be ready to audition for jobs! (p. 18-19)
      4. Coin really enjoys computers and programming, so they consider a career as a coder. Coin could study computer programming or enroll in a coding bootcamp, a type of training. (p.20-21)
9. Look back at pages 30-33. Explain why Paycheck’s plans worked and why PC’s Lemonade was a successful startup. Consider using vocabulary words from the text.
   1. Paycheck was able to make a successful startup because they considered supply and demand. Paycheck adjusted PC Lemonade’s prices depending on the weather and the number of customers.
10. Provide at least two examples to describe how the government uses income collected from taxes.
    1. The government uses income from taxes to operate and fulfill citizens’ needs such as providing safe roads, public education, and care for people who need it.