

Dollaroo's magnificent money workbook

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This workbook belongs to:

Money is very important, we use it every single day to buy things like clothes, yummy food, even electricity to turn on the lights!

Dollaroo and his friends have lots of games and tips of how to spend, save and earn money. Take a look.

Have fun and keep saving!

Dollaroo





Did you know.....

Our Aussie coins have an interesting history? Coins are the small pieces of metal we use to pay for things we want and need.

All the coins we have in our pockets, piggy banks and purses are made right here in Australia at the Royal Australian Mint in Canberra.

Before the Mint opened in 1965, a different type of money was used. Do you know what was used before the Australian Dollar?

Before the Australian Dollar, Aussies used pounds, shillings and pence which were based on British currency. Did you guess right? But there's more of a history.

The First Australians did not use money, they traded items like shells and stones. As sailors, officers and convicts started arriving in Australia, they brought a variety of coins with them. By 1788 coins used in Australia included English sterling, Spanish reales, Indian rupees, Dutch guilders and more!

In 1813, the British Government asked a convict named William Henshall (who had been found guilty of forgery) to punch a round hole out of each of the Spanish coins, to double the number of coins. The new coins were known as 'Holey Dollars' and 'Dumps' and were stamped with 'New South Wales'.

By 1825, the British Government officially made British coins the only accepted form of currency in Australia.





All Australian coins have two sides, these are the 'heads' side (also known as the 'obverse' side) and the 'tails' side (sometimes called the 'reverse' side).

The heads side always has a picture of the monarch on it. Our current monarch is Queen Elizabeth II. This side also includes the year the coin was made.

The tails side always has a picture of something very Australian.

Can you think of some very Australian things?

Write some of them down.

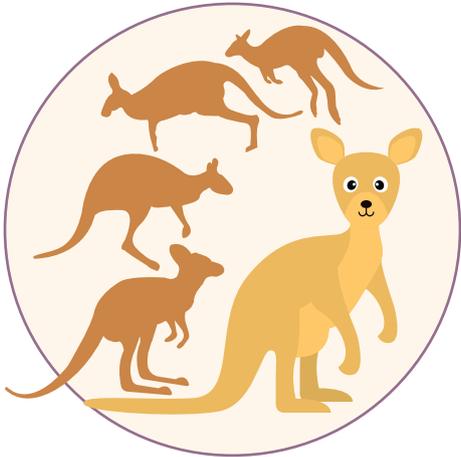
Australian coins today:

- The five cent coin has a picture of an echidna.
- The ten cent coin has a picture of a lyrebird.
- The twenty cent coin has a picture of a platypus.
- The fifty cent coin has the Commonwealth Coat of Arms on it (this is a picture of a shield being held by an emu and a kangaroo).
- The one dollar coin has a picture of five kangaroos.
- The two dollar coin has a picture of a traditional Aboriginal man and the Southern Cross.



Match the coin to the picture

Draw a line from the coin to the matching picture.
If you get stuck, take a quick peek at the previous page.



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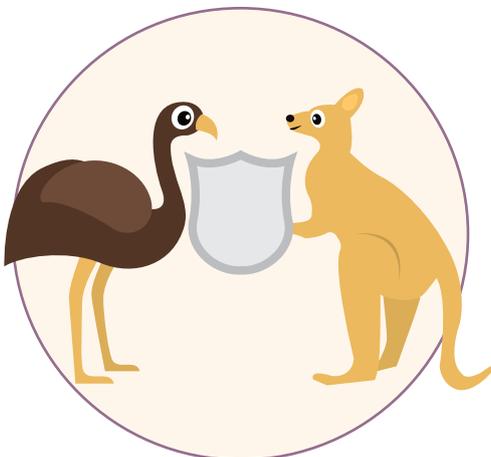
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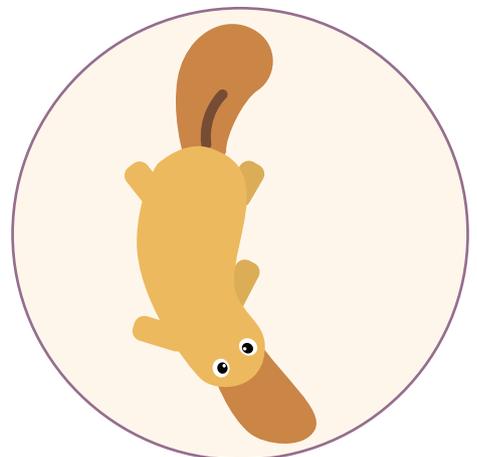
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50¢



\$1



\$2

Design your own coin

The people who draw the pictures for the coins are very good artists. Have a go at drawing your own coin and think about how much your coin would be worth.

Heads



Tails





What is the total of the coins \$.....

50¢



Dollaroo is hungry. He has \$2.
If he buys the bananas and
strawberries, how much change
will he receive?

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At the shop, I will buy...

Dollaroo has \$10 to spend, what items could he buy?
Write them down.

Do you have any money left over? No problem,
Dollaroo will save the remaining money for next
time he goes shopping.

Which hat should Dollaroo buy?



Dollaroo's friend, Owly, said she would like a nice hat for her birthday. Draw the route you would take to the hat.

Remember, when we go to the shops, we're spoilt for choice, and often want to buy the first thing we see, but we might be able to find it cheaper elsewhere, so it's important to look in other shops, or even compare prices online before we leave the house.

Needs vs wants

Needs are things we can't live without, like food and basic clothing. Food gives us the vitamins and minerals we need to live and we need clothes to cover our bodies and keep us warm.

Wants are things we would like to have, but could easily live a healthy life without. Some examples of wants are things like ice cream and toys.

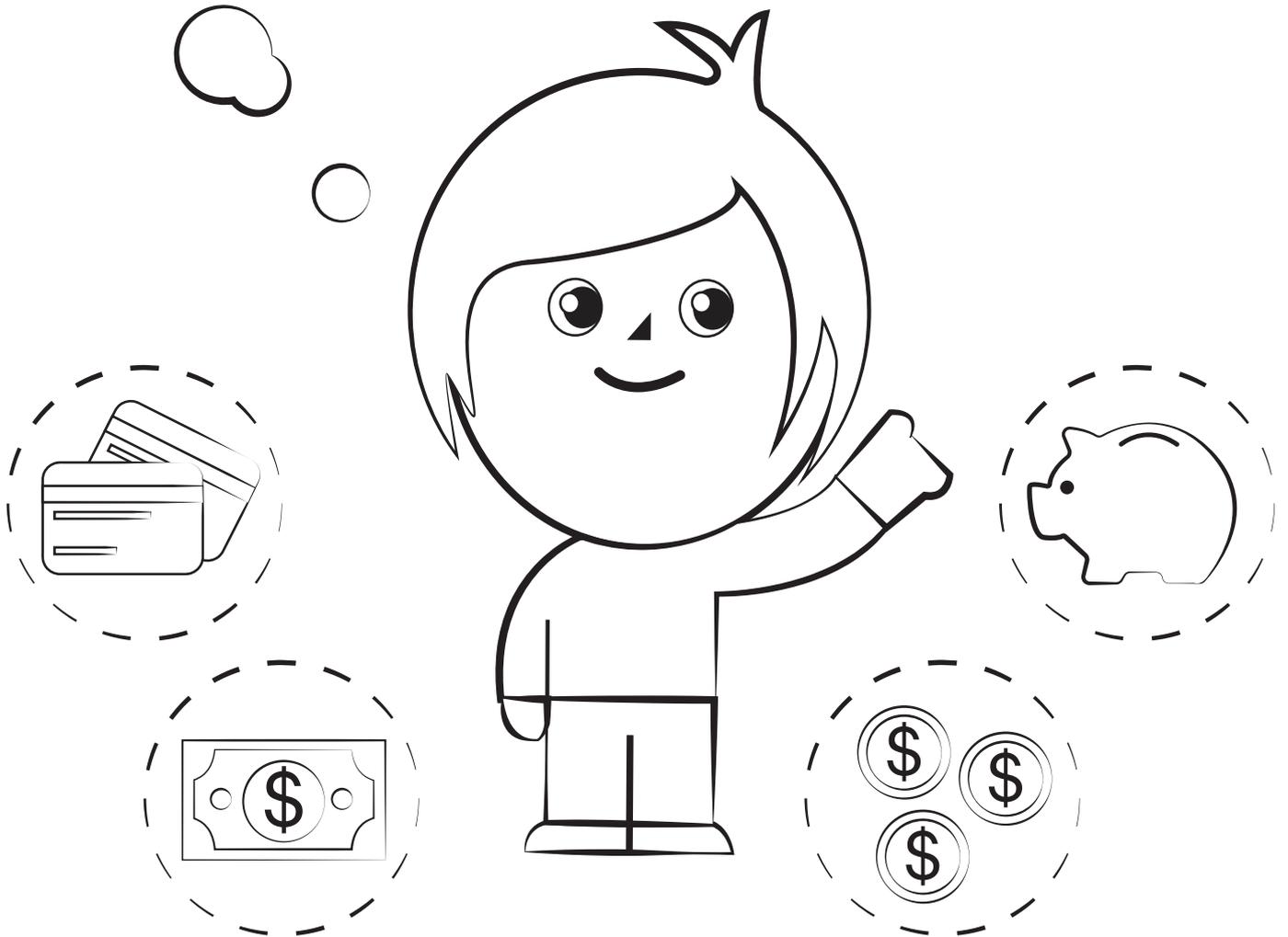
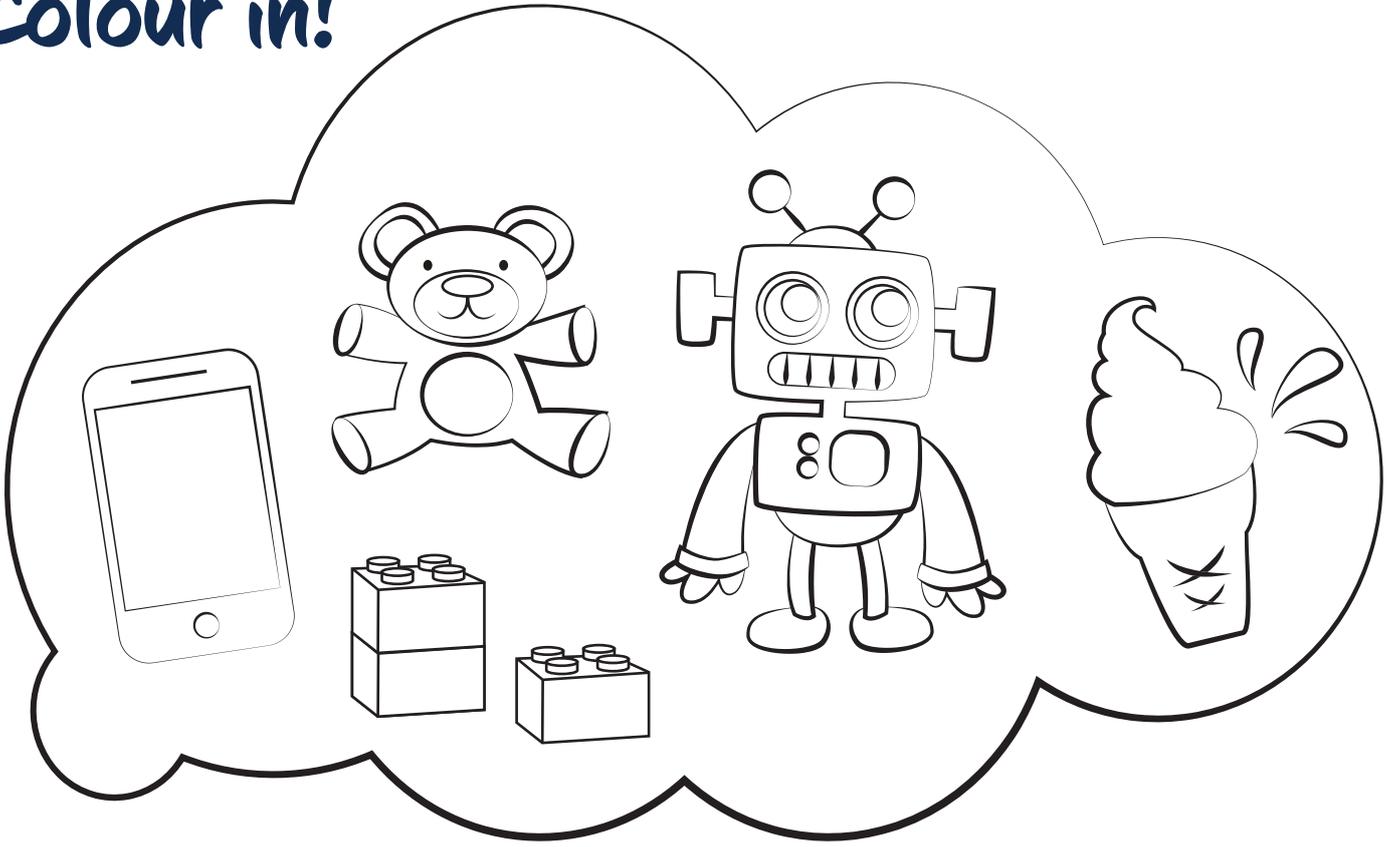
Needs and wants can be tricky to understand as they can vary from family to family. For example, a family with 2 adults and 1 child can get by with a small car, but a family with 5 children will need a bigger car to fit everyone in.

Now we have a better understanding of needs and wants, see if you can complete the activity below.



Charlie is going on a bush walk. Tick the 6 items he **needs**.

Colour in!



What are you saving for?



Hey Junior Saver!
I'm very excited
because I've been
learning how to surf.
So I'm saving up my
money for a new
surf board.

What you need

- Decorating items, e.g. crayons or coloured pencils.

Super Saver tip

When you reach your mini saving goals, deposit that money into your Dollaroo Savings Account and watch your money grow faster!

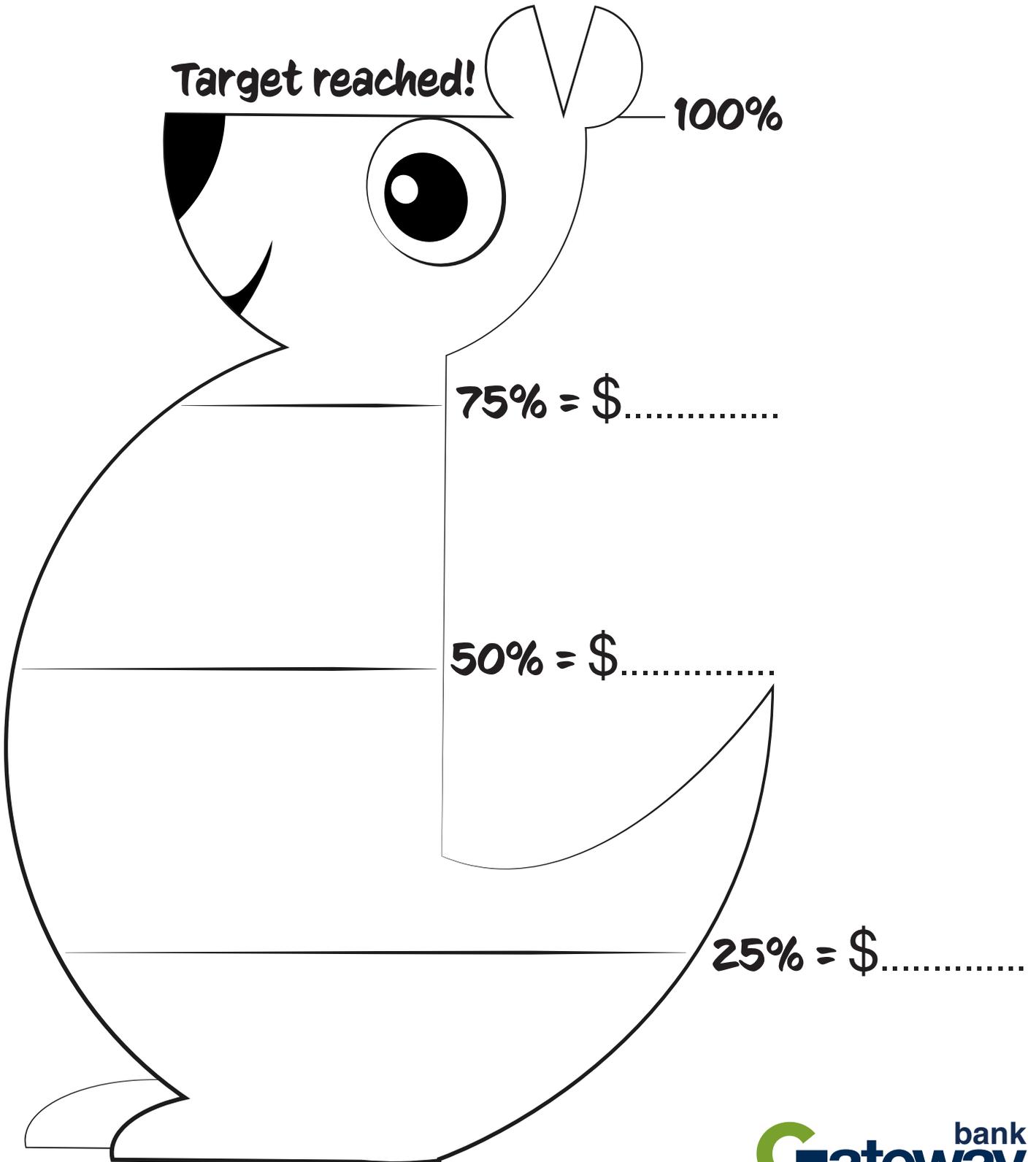
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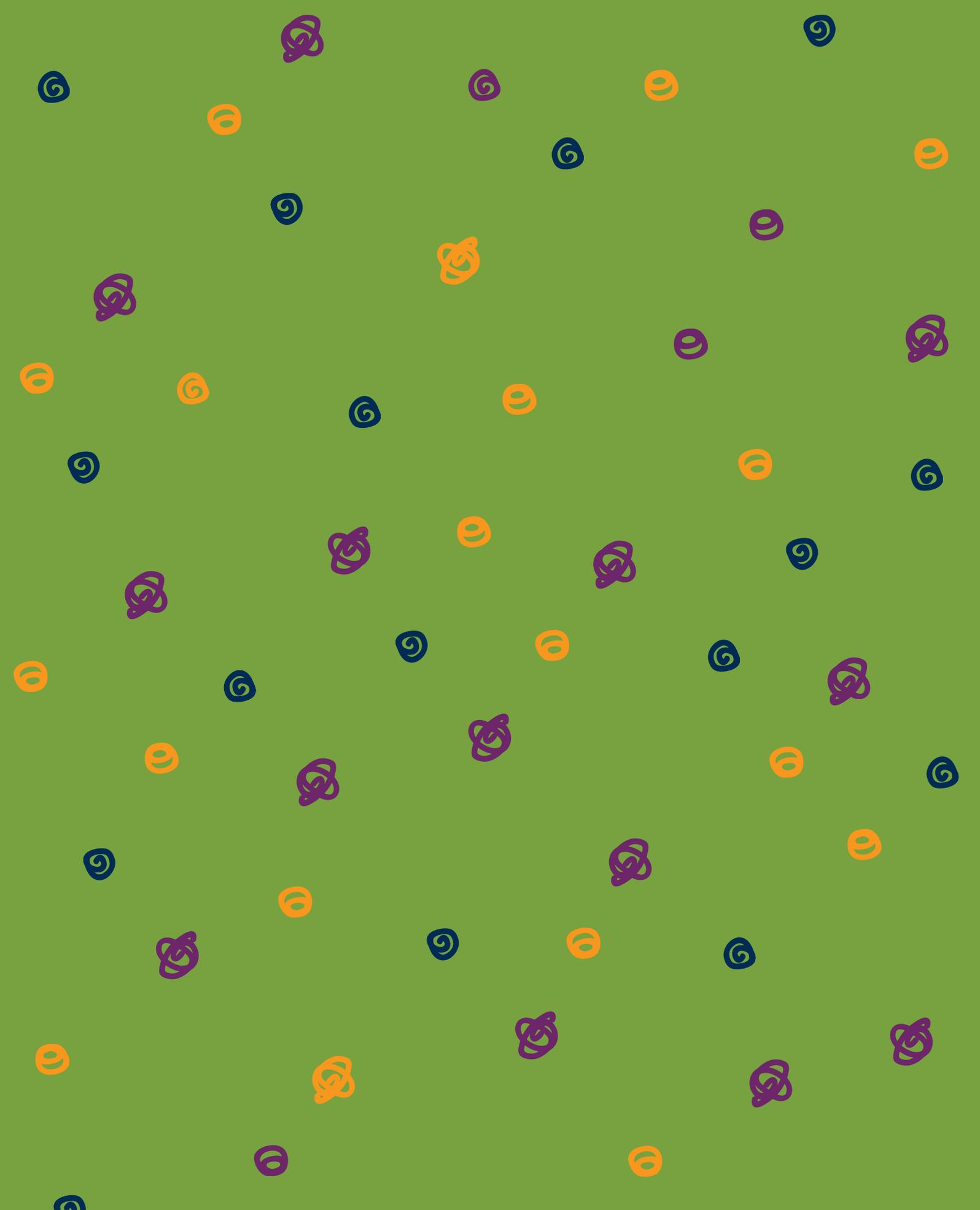
1. Using the Dollaroo Savings Tracker on the next page, write down what you're saving for and how much it costs. This is your target.
2. Then work out 25%, 50% and 75%. You may need an adult to help you. These are your mini saving goals.
3. Start saving! When you reach your mini saving goals, colour in a section of Dollaroo.
4. When you get to your target, you have saved enough money to buy your item – well done!

Dollaroo Savings Tracker

I'm saving up for a

It costs \$.....





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