



Dylan learns about money story - Part one



In a beautiful castle, in Wales, lives a young dragon. His name is Dylan. Dylan is kind, and very curious! He looks out of his window at the village below and has lots of questions about their lives. He sees people climbing into their cars in the morning and coming home in the afternoon, and he wonders where they go? He sees people walk into buildings and coming out with bags. He wonders where the bags come from, and what is in them?

One day, he decides to visit the village to find out more. He notices a sign on a building that reads 'Village Shop'. People are taking items from the shelves and heading to a counter. They reach into their bags and pockets and produce strange shiny discs and little coloured plastic leaves. He watches person after person, collecting the items and swapping them for these strange little tokens.

Dylan notices a beautiful, shiny fire engine on the shelf. The box reads 'realistic siren sounds', 'really sprays water' and 'adjustable ladder'. It is the most beautiful toy Dylan has ever seen. *I need it.* Dylan whispers to himself.

He realises that, to get it, he will need some of the shiny discs and leaves. (1)

He walks out of the village to the woods. He looks at every tree but none of them have the right kind of leaves. He decides to take the biggest, shiniest leaf he can find. He flies home and collects his jar of bottle tops and races back to the shop. He marches into the shop with a huge grin, grabs the fire engine and skips to the counter.

"Hello," beams the woman behind the counter.

"I haven't seen you before. My name is Rhiannon. What is your name?"

Dylan is pleased that the shopkeeper is so friendly. "My name is Dylan," he replies.

"I'd really like this fire engine. Can I have it please?"

"You have to pay for it," she explains. "It costs £10."

"I don't understand," Dylan frowns. "What are pounds and what is cost?"

Rhiannon smiles. "It's ok," she reassures Dylan. "I can help you." (2)

"The cost is what you have to give in exchange for something. I could say that this lollipop will cost one smile. If you give me a smile, I will give you a lollipop in exchange."

A huge smile appears on Dylan's face, and Rhiannon hands him a lollipop. Dylan hugs the fire engine and tries another smile.

Rhiannon giggles. "I'm afraid the fire engine costs more than a smile."

Dylan places his leaves and bottle tops on the counter and looks up hopefully.

"This is very sweet," Rhiannon smiles, "but you have to pay for the toy with money. Money is what we use to exchange for things. Everything is given a price and that is its cost. People pay that amount of money. Here, let me show you." Rhiannon opens the till and takes out some coins and notes to show Dylan. Money is made of coins and notes.

These coins are the lowest value... there is a 1 pence, a 2 pence.

Dylan wants to learn more about money. First, he needs to know about these coins and notes. (4)

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Class questions:

1. What do you think those shiny discs and plastic leaves might be?
2. What is cost? Do you have any ideas about what cost is?
3. What does a pound symbol look like? Draw on the board.
Any confident learners can try to draw on the board.
4. Let's see what we already know about money.

Story tasks:

- Use the images provided, to create lollipop stick puppets. These can be used to play out the story as it is read. Issue learners with copies of the characters and props to cut out and attach to lollipop sticks. In pairs, ask learners to take the role of Dylan or Rhiannon and play out the story. Expand on the activity by asking learners to draw or paint a shop interior scene for their puppets.
- Using pens, pencils, chalk, paint or finger drawing in sand, ask learners to explore drawing a £ symbol.



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