



Smart Start Adventures

Explorer Challenge: Start & Finish Checkpoint!

Name: _____

Date: _____

(Check one: ☐ Pre-Adventure ☐ Post-Adventure)

Trailhead Questions:

1. What is money mostly used for?
 - a) Trading for things we need and want
 - b) Storing in a box forever
 - c) Collecting just to have more than others
2. You earn \$5 helping your neighbor. What's a smart first step?
 - a) Spend it before it gets lost
 - b) Think about your needs and savings goals
 - c) Buy what your friend bought
3. Why might someone choose to save instead of spending right away?
 - a) To have money ready for something important later
 - b) Because they're afraid to shop
 - c) So they don't have to think about money anymore
4. You're deciding between a toy, a snack, and school supplies. Which one is most likely a need?
 - a) The toy, because it's fun
 - b) The snack, because it tastes good
 - c) The school supplies, because you need them to learn
5. Which item would usually be a want and not a need?
 - a) Toothbrush
 - b) New shoes because your old ones are too small
 - c) Shoes in your favorite color even though you already have some

6. Before spending money, what's the smartest move?
- a) Compare prices and options
 - b) Pick what looks best
 - c) Choose what your friend says is cool
7. What's the main reason people save money?
- a) To reach a goal or be ready for something later
 - b) To hide it from others
 - c) To avoid spending it ever
8. When is a good time to share your money with others?
- a) When someone needs help and you want to support them
 - b) When you have nothing saved for yourself
 - c) When you want to buy their stuff later
9. Which sentence best shows someone making a thoughtful money choice?
- a) "I saw it, so I bought it right away!"
 - b) "I thought about what I really wanted, compared prices, and chose the best one."
 - c) "I only bought it because my friend did."
10. Think about what you've learned. What's one smart thing you can do with money, and why is it important? (Write 1-2 sentences.)
