

# Money Matters

People use money every day. Have you ever wondered where all of that money has been or where it might go? Read below to find out!

Money comes in the form of bills and coins. Here is the path a U.S. dollar bill may take from start to finish.



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*Bills are printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.*

## Print the Bills

Bills are printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. People check the bills to make sure they are perfect.

## Hold the Bills

The new dollars are sent to the Federal Reserve Bank. The bills are kept in a

**vault**<sup>1</sup>. A vault is a safe place to keep money.

## Deliver the Bills

Trained guards drive special trucks. They take the bills to local banks, like the banks in your neighborhood.

<sup>1</sup> **vault**: a room or compartment for storage or safekeeping

## Reading Passage

**Take Out or Deposit**

The local bank keeps the bills until people need to use them. People can **withdraw**<sup>2</sup> or **deposit**<sup>3</sup> money by going to an ATM or a teller. A teller is a bank worker.



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*People go to an ATM to take out or deposit money.*

**Spend and Save**

Sometimes people spend money. Other times, people earn and save money. Eventually, paper bills wear out.

**Replace the Bills**

Local banks put worn-out bills back on the special trucks. The worn-out bills are shredded and replaced with new ones.

**Fun Money Facts**

- A dollar bill lasts almost two years on average before it needs to be shredded.
- U.S. bills are printed on paper that is one-quarter linen and three-quarters cotton.
- The largest bill ever printed in the United States was the \$100,000 bill!
- Each day, the government prints 37 million bills worth about \$696 million.
- About 18 tons of ink per day is used to print those bills. That is equal to the weight of about three elephants!

<sup>2</sup> **withdraw** – to take money out of the bank

<sup>3</sup> **deposit** – to give money to the bank to hold until a later time