

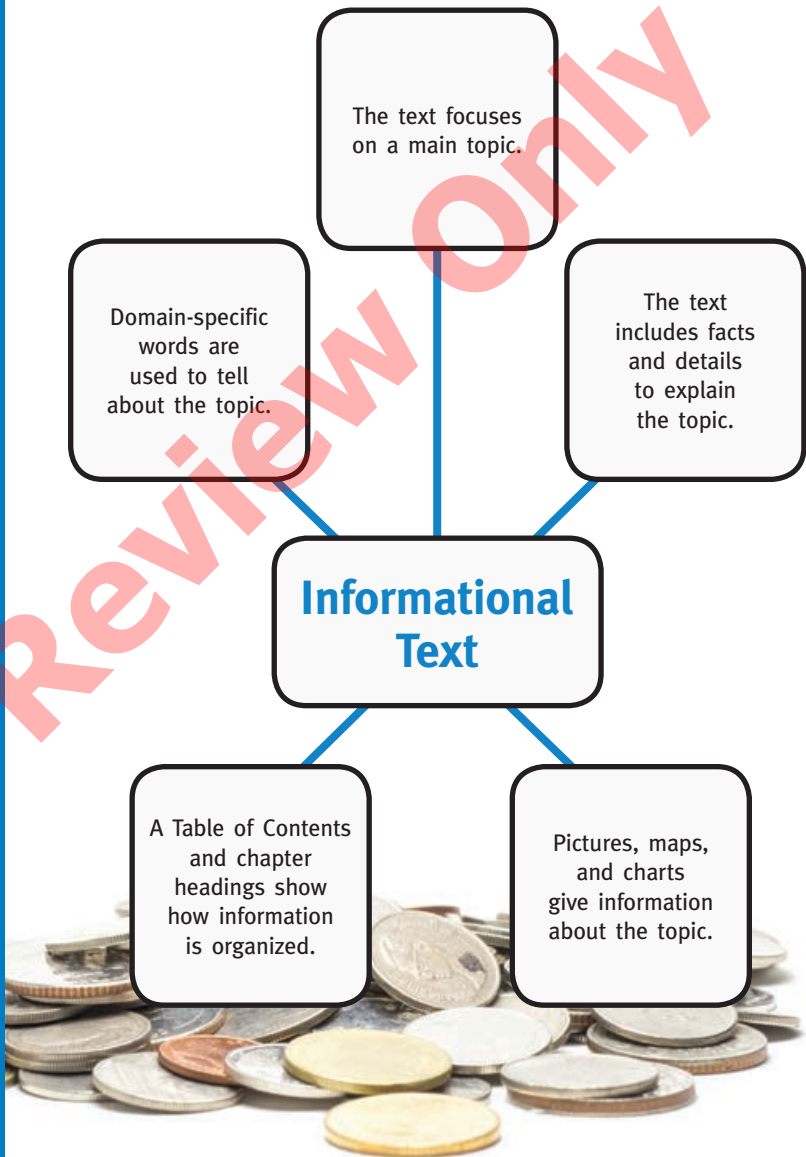
How to Spend and Save Money



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My family needs food, clothing, and
a place to live.



At my house, we also have to pay bills. My parents pay rent for our apartment.



Today my family needs to buy food. We make a list.

Shopping list

milk

bread

eggs

chicken

vegetables

fruit



We go to the store to buy what we need.



Mommy makes a spending plan every month. First she makes a list of all the things we need to buy. These are our expenses.



Then she makes a list of how much each thing costs. Then she adds it all up. That's how she knows how much money to spend on those things.

▼ Mommy lists our expenses.

\$ Mommy's
Necessary Expenses

+ \$ Food

+ \$ Clothing

+ \$ Bills to Pay

= \$ Total Expenses

Where does money come from?
Mommy gets a salary for her
work. A salary is money paid
for work.

▼ Mommy pays her bills.



Mommy subtracts our expenses from her salary. That's how she knows how much is left each month.

\$ Mommy's Salary

— \$ Necessary Expenses

= \$ Money Left Over