



# RIDDLE ME A BARTER

**Activity Description:** Students will learn about the characteristics of money and the concept of bartering and have the opportunity to apply what they learn to a scavenger hunt activity.

**Time  
Required**

**Steps 1-2: 15 minutes**  
**Step 3: 30 minutes**  
**Step 4: 5 minutes**  
**Bonus: 5 minutes**

**Directions**

Follow the steps below to complete the "Riddle Me This" Bartering Scavenger Hunt. When complete, snap a photo with your favorite scavenger hunt find and post it to ([LC Facebook](#) or [LC Twitter](#)) with the hashtag #CLEFedSummerFun

**Step 1**

To learn about the different characteristics of money, watch the video entitled [What Makes Something Useful as Money](#) by the St. Louis Fed.

**Step 2**

Let's practice the vocabulary! Fill in the blank with the correct term.

scarce    portable    accepted    divide    durable    uniform

1. A pack of gum is \_\_\_\_\_ because it is a small item that can be easily carried around in your pocket.
2. When your parents go to the grocery store, they are able to pay with dollar bills because that is an \_\_\_\_\_ form of payment.
3. If you and your friend only had one sheet of paper, you might cut it in half or \_\_\_\_\_ it so each person had a piece.
4. When we buy eggs, bacon, or vegetables at the grocery store, we need to put them in the refrigerator right away because they are not very \_\_\_\_\_.
5. When your teacher gives you a bag of candy, you might try to eat only a few pieces each day because it is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The tires on a car are \_\_\_\_\_ because they are the same size and shape.

# DO THIS! SCAVENGER HUNT

**Step 3** Time to go on a scavenger hunt! Solve each riddle and then hunt for the item throughout your household. After you've found the item, put a check in the box if the item is **accepted**, **divided**, **durable**, **portable**, **scarce**, or **uniform**.

## Vocabulary

**Accepted:** Something that is approved

**Divided:** Something that can be separated

**Durable:** Long lasting

**Portable:** Capable of being transported or easily carried

**Scarce:** Limited amounts available

**Uniform:** Standard shape and size

	answer	accepted	divided	durable	portable	scarce	uniform
You can drink me cold or hot. Sometimes I can be boiled in a pot!							
If you sprinkle too much of me on your fries, I can make your mouth dry!							
You'll see me hanging on a roll; use too much and get told!							
Put me to your nose and I'll make you sneeze. Can you make it stop, please?							
I'm naturally sweet thanks to the bees. Can you put some on my waffles please?							
I have teeth but will not bite. I'll run through your hair with all my might!							
If you find me on the ground with my head up, you'll have good luck!							
I'm very sweet and very sticky and will make your fingers icky!							
You can smell me in the kitchen brewing, but don't forget your cup or your day will be ruined!							
You use me to cover up from a storm, but most importantly, I can keep you warm!							

**Step 4** Snap a photo with your favorite scavenger hunt find and post it to ([LC Facebook](#) or [LC Twitter](#)) with the hashtag #CLEFedSummerFun by June 15th.

**Bonus** Want to learn more about the types of items people used for bartering in the past? Check out the Cleveland Fed's online game [Escape from the Barter Islands](#), where you will help Robbie get home by making a series of trades. The quicker you make your trades, the more points you receive.