Pay Yourself First

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Do you save money? Why or why not?

Definitions:

- Expensive – costing a lot of money
- Cheap – low in price
- Dime – a coin worth ten cents
- Dollar – paper money worth 100 cents
- Habit – something a person does often or for a long time
- Goal – something a person wants and tries to get

Reading

Pete drives his car to work each day. It is expensive. Gas is not cheap. He wants a bike to ride to work, but he does not have enough money to buy one. Pete plans to save money each week from his paycheck. He will save 10% of each check. That is a dime from each dollar he earns. Pete is paid once a week on Fridays. At the end of each week, he puts $10 in his “Pay Yourself First” fund. He pays himself first. Then he pays his bills. Pete wants to make saving money a habit. Soon he will meet his goal. He will have his new bike!

Level 1.0
Understanding

1. Pete wants to buy a _______________________.

2. Why can’t he buy it right now? ____________________________________________________

3. What is Pete’s new saving plan called? _____________________________________________

4. How much of each paycheck will Pete save? __________________________________________

5. Who does Pete pay first? Who or what does he pay next? _____________________________

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How do you save money?

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