





 Barter means trading things without money.

 You give something you have.

 You get something you want.

 If you have apples, and your friend wants apples, you can trade.

 If your friend has a toy, and you want the toy, you can trade.

 You must both want what the other has.

 It's like swapping toys with a friend.

 Sometimes, it's hard to know how many apples a toy is worth.

 Long ago, people used barter.

 Some people still trade things without money today.





 Long ago, people used shiny coins like we use money today.

 Kings and queens made the coins.

 Each coin had a special picture on it.

 People used coins to buy food and toys.

 Big coins could buy big things, like a horse.

 Small coins could buy small things, like bread.

 Merchants kept coins in bags.

 Sometimes, people hid coins in pots.

 Coins helped people trade easily.

 Coins were made of gold, silver, or copper.





 After India became free, we still used coins and paper money called rupees.

 The RBI (like a big bank for India) made them.

 Coins were round and shiny, made of metal.

 Rupee notes were paper, with pictures of leaders.

 Small coins could buy candies and small toys.

 Big rupee notes could buy food and clothes.

 People kept coins in little purses.

 They kept rupee notes in their pockets or wallets.

 Coins and rupees helped us buy things at shops.

 They helped us trade easily, just like money today!







 Long, long ago, people traded things, like apples for toys.

 Then, shiny coins came along, made of metal.

 Later, paper money, like rupee notes, was used.

 Grown-ups found carrying lots of coins and paper notes hard.

 So, they made cards that hold money in a secret place, like a bank!

 Debit cards take money right away from that secret place.

 Credit cards let you buy things now, and pay later.

 Computers and phones came along, and money became digital.

 GPay is a phone app that uses digital money to pay.

 Now, grown-ups can tap their phones to buy things, like magic!