

SOFIA'S SMART SAVINGS



One fine sunny day, **Zoe** was helping **Mr. Miller** at the local market. She was sorting through the carrots to make sure they had the **best picks** for the customers.



“Thank you for helping out, Zoe! Here’s 2 dollars,”
Mr. Miller handed her the money.
Zoe smiled.

“I’ll be sure to use it on something good.”
Mr. Miller winked and replied,
“I bet you will.”



Zoe was so **excited**! She raced to her friend's house to show off the money.

“Look, look, Antonio! I got two dollars! I’m not sure what to buy with it, though.”

Antonio **pondered** for a second, then cried out, “You should spend it on candy!”

Zoe loved candy.

“That sounds great!”



Chelsea, their friend, overheard the conversation. She **barges** in and says, “**No, Zoe, no! You have to save the money for something you really want.**”

Zoe contemplated this.

“**But I do want the candy...don’t I?**”



Deep in thought, she **strolled** to the supermarket and
wondered what she should buy.

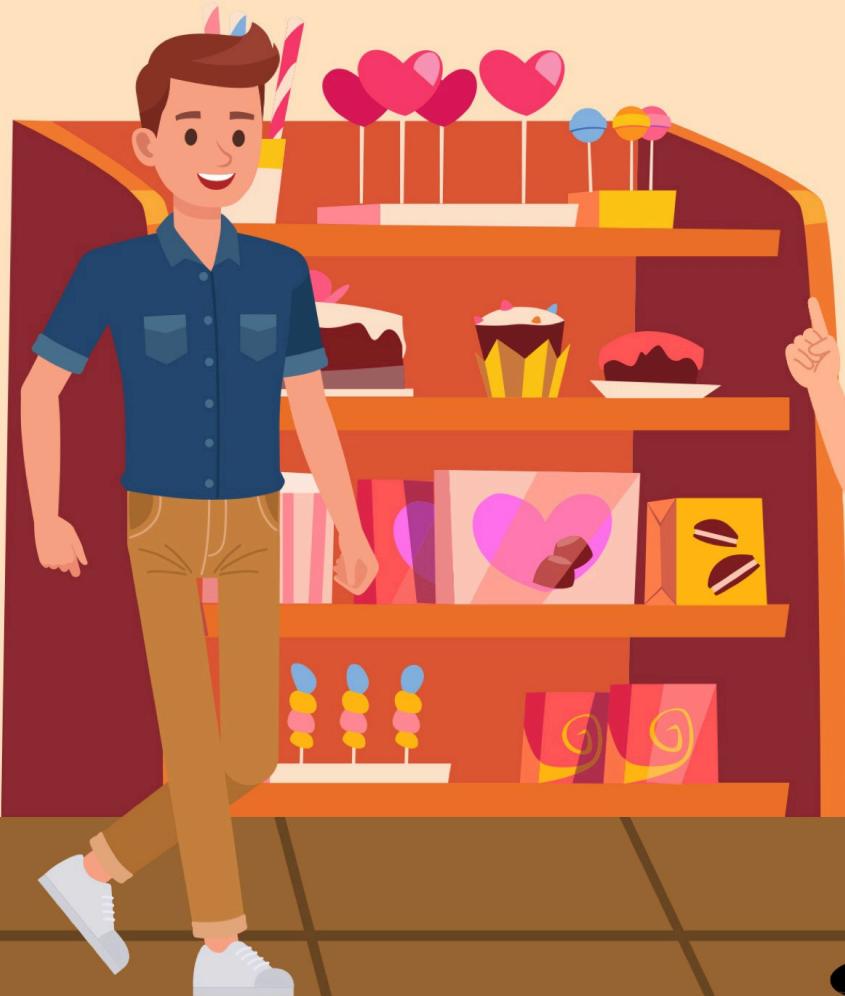
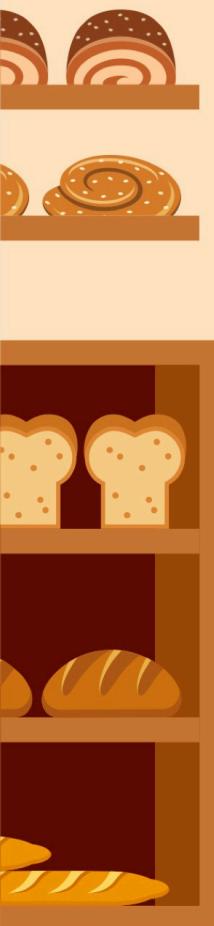
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“Mr. Miller, what do you think I should buy with my two dollars?”

Mr. Miller chuckled.

“That’s up to you, Zoe.”



After much **deliberation**, Zoe bought a lollipop. As she's leaving the store, she sees her friend Dahlia with a shiny new bike.

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“Wow Dahlia! Did you buy that all by yourself?”

Zoe asks.

“**Yup,**”

Dahlia says proudly.

**“Mr. Miller has been giving me two dollars every day
for sorting vegetables and I’ve been saving up.”**

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“Hmm...” Zoe thinks. “Maybe I should start **saving** too.”

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Two months later, after lots of carrots sorted and lots of money saved, Zoe rides away in her **brand new** bike!

