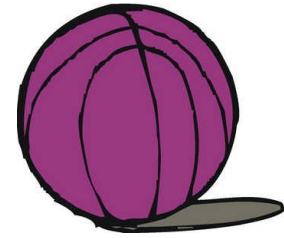


# Maisy's Piggy Bank

A Readers' Theater About Saving Money

by Donna Latham

Will Maisy save enough coins to buy the purple basketball? Find out—and don't forget to read with expression and energy.



## Characters (in order of appearance)

• Voice One

• Bike

• Voice Two

• Maisy



• Bright Idea

**Voice One:** One sunny April day, Maisy rode her bike past the toy store window. Her eyes bugged, and she hit the breaks.

**Bike:** Screeeeech!

**Voice Two:** She hopped off her bike and peered into the window.

**Maisy:** Wow! Coolest. Basketball. Ever. It's purple- my favorite color in the universe.



**Voice Three:** Maisy twisted her head to read the price tag.

**Maisy:** Yikes, \$9.99. It might as well be a million bucks. Where am I going to dig up \$9.99?

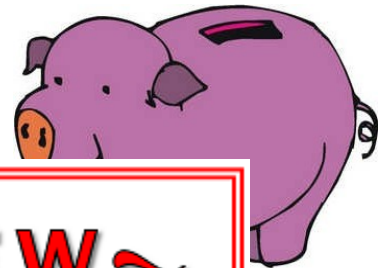
**Voice Four:** She sighed and her shoulders slumped.

**Voice Five:** Suddenly, a bright idea tapped Maisy on the back.

**Bright Idea:** Ahem! Bright Idea to Maisy: Think, Maisy, think.

**Maisy:** Got it! I'll save coins in my piggy bank.

**Bike:** Her tires squealed as she dashed back home. Squeal. Squeal. Squeal.



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bank.

A cartoon superhero character with brown hair, wearing a red suit with a blue cape and a blue chest emblem, flying through the air while holding a green gift box.

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**All Roles:** Clank, clank, clank!

**Voice One:** On a steamy July day, Maisy zoomed to her purple piggy bank with a fistful of nickels.

**Maisy:** Yay! I earned a nickel for each weed I yanked from Mr. Wong's garden. Now, I'll stash nickels in my bank.

**Voice Two:** She clinked nickels into her bank.

**All Roles:** Clink, clink, clink!

**Voice Three:** On a crisp October day, Maisy zipped on her bike to check on the basketball.

**Maisy:** Phew, my basketball is still in the window.

**Voice Four:** Dimes jingled and jangled in her pockets as she raced home.

**Maisy:** I earned dimes for raking Mrs. Fiero's leaves. Now, I'll stash them in my bank.

**Voice Five:** She plinked dimes into her bank.

**All Roles:** Plink, plink, plink!

**Voice Six:** One blustery December day, Maisy trudged through snow. She peeked into the toy store. Her breath steamed up the window. She rubbed a spot clear with her mitten.

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**Maisy:** I earned quarters for helping mom shovel snow. Now, I'll stash them in my bank.

**Voice One:** She plonked quarters into her bank.

**All Roles:** Plonk, plonk, plonk!

**Maisy:** Wow! My piggy bank weighs a ton. I wonder if that means I've finally, finally, finally saved enough....

**Maisy:** First, I'll shake out pennies.

**All Roles:** Shake, shake, shake.

**Maisy:** Next, I'll shake out nickels.

**All Roles:** Shake, shake, shake.

**Maisy:** Then, I'll shake out dimes.

**All Roles:** Shake, shake, shake.

**Maisy:** Now, I'll shake out quarters.

**All Roles:** Shake, shake, shake.

**Maisy:** Finally, I'll count all the coins. Every single cent.

**All Roles:** Clank, clink, plink, plonk!

**Voice Two:** She stacked the coins.

**Voice Three:**

**Maisy:** I

**All Voices:**



**Voice Four:** Maisy dashed to the toy store, weighted down with coins.

**Maisy:** Oh, no! Are you kidding me? My purple basketball's gone!

**Voice Five:** Maisy charged inside.

**Shopkeeper:** Hey! Like the new display? With the purple basketball and the cool, kids-sized hoop?

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**Maisy:** Love it. And guess what? I finally saved enough to buy the ball. Then, I'll start saving for the hoop—and for a bigger piggybank!

# Maisy's Piggy Bank

1. How much did Maisy need to save to buy the purple basketball?  
a. about nine dollars                      b. about five dollars  
c. about ten dollars                         d. a million dollars
2. Complete the graphic organizer.



Three Ways Maisy  
Earned Money



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3. What clues from the story show that it took Maisy a long time to earn enough money to buy the basketball?

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4. What lesson does this story teach?

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Writing

# Saving Up For Something Special

In the story you just read, Maisy saved her money to buy something special. Write a paragraph about a time when you saved your money to buy something special. Your story could be real or made-up. Draw a picture to go along with your paragraph.



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shovel

- What clues from the story show that it took Maisy a long time to earn enough money to buy the basketball?

**The seasons kept changing throughout the story. She pulls weeds in the summer, rakes leaves in the fall, and helps Mom shovel in the winter.**

- What lesson does this story teach?

**If you are patient and work hard, you can save up for something you want.**