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# 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



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

**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! 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.

**Maisy:** Ta-daa! Here's my bank. Purple, of course. I'll stash pennies in



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**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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**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!



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

**Voice Five:** She charged inside.

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

**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 piggy bank!



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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



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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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## 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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4. What lesson does this story teach?

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

**something you want.**