

Jimmy was seven years old. He got an allowance from his parents every week, but he wasted a lot of it on things which he saw in the stores and suddenly wanted to buy, although he didn't need them. One day his mother gave him a notebook and said, "Now, Jimmy, whenever you buy anything, I want you to write it down in this book, and write down the price, too. Then you can look at it again when your money's all gone, and you won't waste so much money next time."

After a week, Jimmy said to his mother, "Do you know, Mommy, before I spend any money now, I really stop and think?"

His mother was very pleased and thought, "Well, he's learned the value of money now." But she wasn't so happy when he added, "Yes, before I buy anything, I always ask myself, 'Am I going to be able to spell that in my notebook?'"