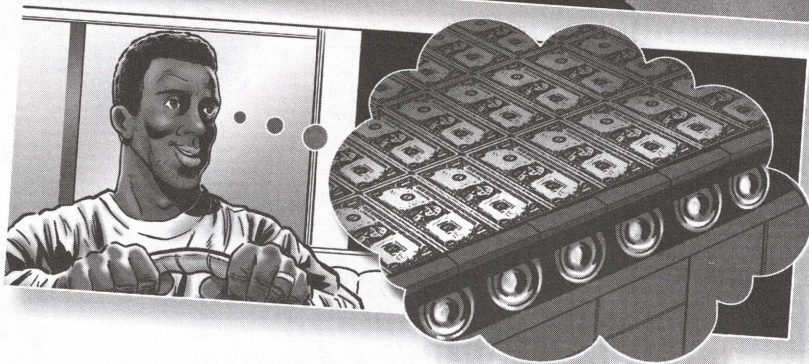




Chapter 5 Shredded Money



Later, Negasi sees a woman and a little boy walking on 14th Street. The woman stops and flags him down. The little boy is carrying a bag from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or BEP. Negasi knows all about that place, too. They print money there.

Negasi, Ayana, and the children went to the BEP last year. It was very interesting. They print about \$750 million a day. Ayana said, "Maybe they can give us just *one* million as a souvenir."

Now the woman and the little boy get into Negasi's taxi. They want to go back to their hotel. The little boy has a few small plastic bags of shredded money. "Look!" he says to Negasi. "We bought these at the gift shop." He holds up one bag and says, "This bag has \$150 in it. But they shredded it. So first, I need to put it back together." Negasi laughs. Soon, Negasi stops in front of their hotel. Then the woman and the little boy get out of the taxi.



Fifteen minutes later, Negasi picks up another passenger. A man gets in his taxi. "Oh, there's something on your seat," he says. Then he gives Negasi a small plastic bag of shredded money.

"I think that's my tip," says Negasi, smiling.

"It looks like a big one," says the passenger.

"Yes," says Negasi. "But first, I need to put it back together."

Answer the questions.

1. Where does Negasi see a woman and a little boy walking?
2. What is the little boy carrying?
3. What do they do at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?
4. When did Negasi, Ayana, and the children go to the BEP?
5. How much money do they print a day?
6. Where do the woman and the little boy want to go?
7. What does the little boy have? Where did they buy them?
8. How much money does one bag have in it?
9. Who does Negasi pick up fifteen minutes later?
10. What does he give Negasi?

Complete the sentences.

gift shop
money

Printing
children

souvenir
taxi

place
million

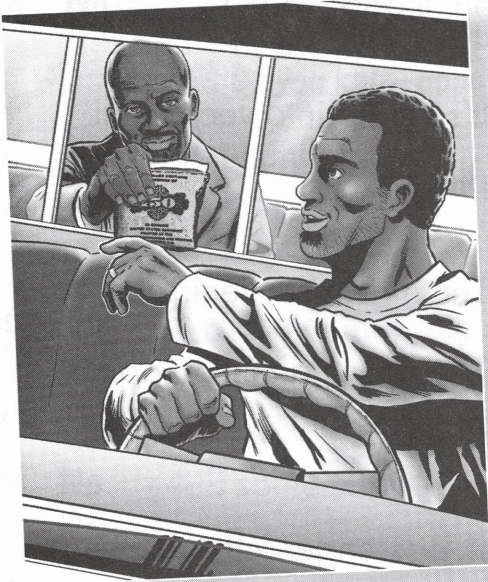
1. The little boy is carrying a bag from the Bureau of Engraving and _____.
2. Negasi knows all about that _____, too.
3. They print _____ there.
4. Negasi, Ayana, and the _____ went to the BEP last year.
5. They print about \$750 _____ a day.
6. Ayana said, "Maybe they can give us just *one* million as a _____."
7. Now the woman and the little boy get into Negasi's _____.
8. The little boy says, "We bought these at the _____."

Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. shred | a. to call over; to wave to |
| ___ 2. go back | b. to cut up into very small pieces |
| ___ 3. put back together | c. to return |
| ___ 4. print | d. to show |
| ___ 5. hold up | e. to use a machine to put words or pictures on paper |
| ___ 6. flag down | f. to reconstruct; to reassemble |

Talking About Some Money

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Hello. Can you take me to the Washington Monument?

B: Sure. I can do that.

A: Oh, there's something on your seat.

B: I think that's my tip.

A: It looks like a big one.

B: Yes. But first, I need to put it back together.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

Read about the BEP. Then answer the questions below.

People can see how money is printed on a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, or BEP. It begins with large, blank sheets of paper, and ends with the bills you put in your wallet.

The BEP also produces portions of U.S. passports, materials for Homeland Security, military identification cards, Immigration and Naturalization Certificates, White House invitations, and other official items. The BEP is located at 14th and C Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20228.



1. What can people see on a tour of the BEP?
2. Where does the tour begin and end?
3. What things does the BEP also produce?
4. Where is the BEP located?

Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. a. They print money there.
 b. They give money there.
2. a. It was very expensive.
 b. It was very interesting.
3. a. It's very little money.
 b. It's a lot of money.
4. a. They want to leave the hotel.
 b. They want to return to the hotel.
5. a. It's a very big tip.
 b. It's cut up into very small pieces.
6. a. They have souvenirs there.
 b. They have a million dollars there.
7. a. A passenger left something.
 b. A passenger shredded something.
8. a. "I need to spend it."
 b. "I need to reassemble it."

Pronunciation and Writing

Say the words from the story. Write the number of syllables in each word. Underline the stressed syllable.

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. another _____ | 6. carrying _____ | 11. fifteen _____ |
| 2. million _____ | 7. something _____ | 12. plastic _____ |
| 3. souvenir _____ | 8. engraving _____ | 13. shredded _____ |
| 4. together _____ | 9. children _____ | 14. interesting _____ |
| 5. bureau _____ | 10. walking _____ | 15. printing _____ |

What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes **No** 1. I know about the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Do you know about the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?

Yes **No** 2. I think the BEP is very interesting.

Yes **No** 3. I sometimes buy souvenirs in gift shops.

Yes **No** 4. I sometimes leave things in taxis.

Yes **No** 5. I sometimes give a taxi driver a big tip.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What things do people sometimes shred at home or at work?
2. What kinds of souvenirs can people buy in your native country? What kinds of souvenirs can they buy where you live now?
3. What are some things people can put back together?