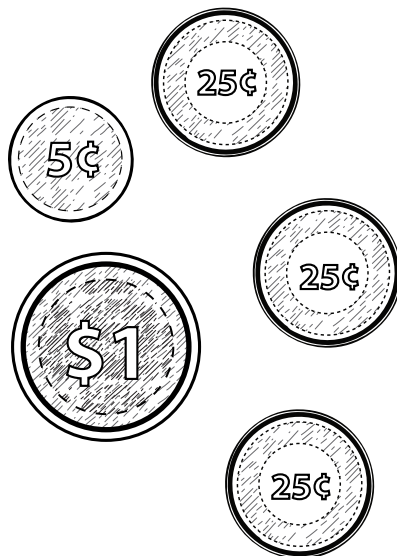
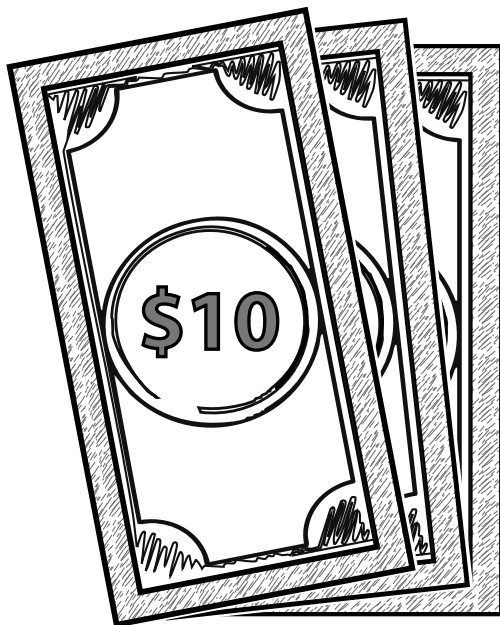


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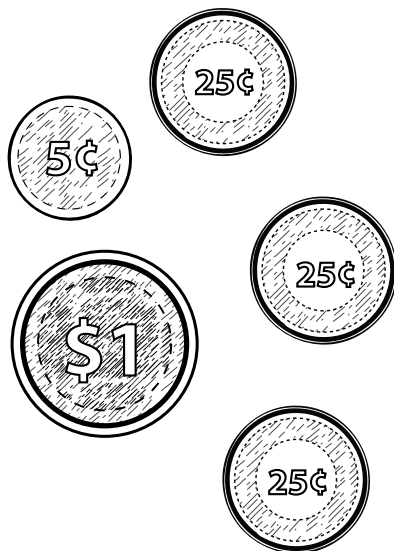
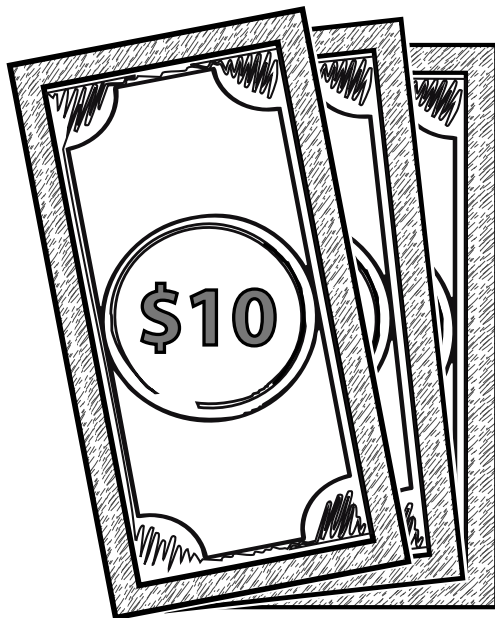
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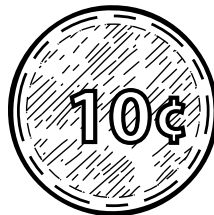
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sōniyās/sōniyāw





pîkin sôniyâs



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ipîkinisit sôniyâs





piyak sôniyâs



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nîso sôniyâs



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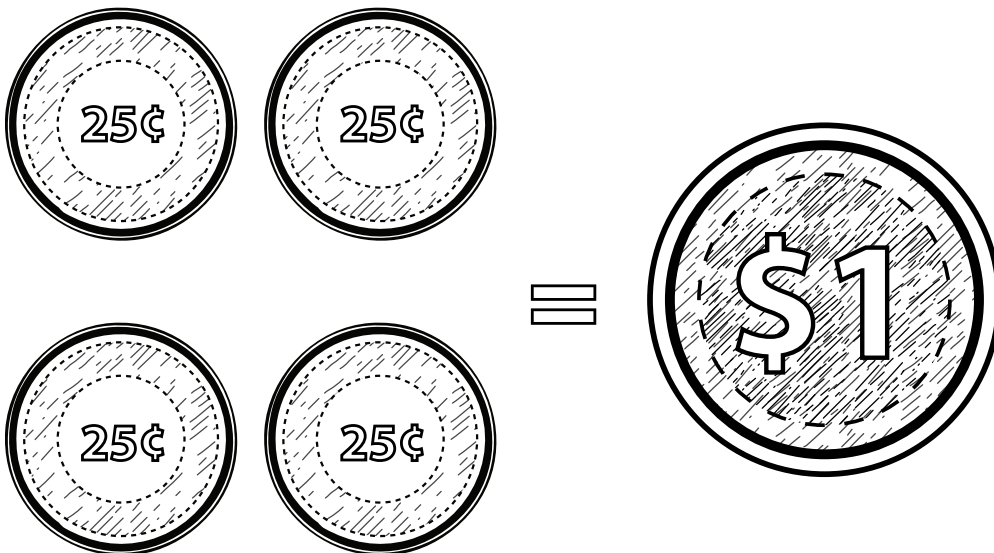




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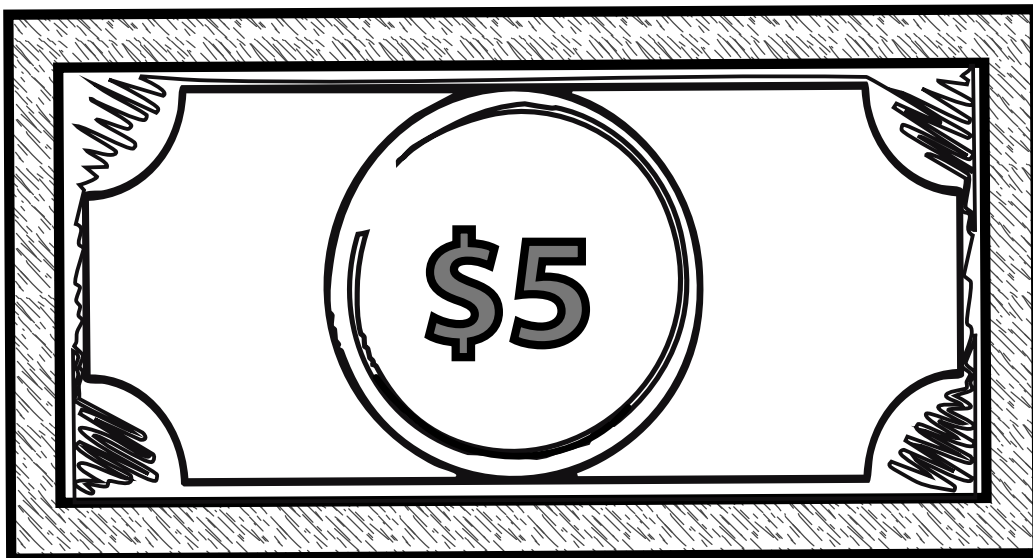
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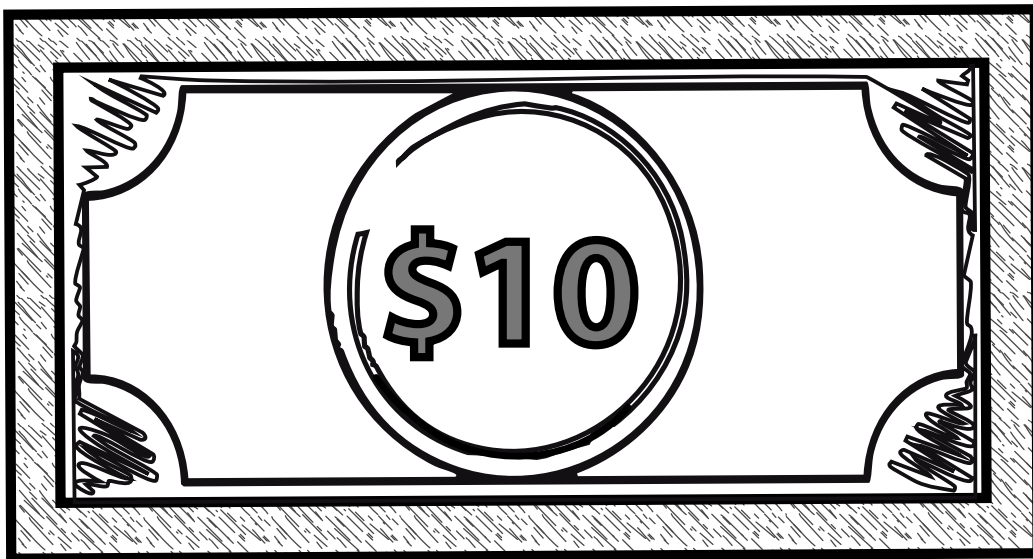
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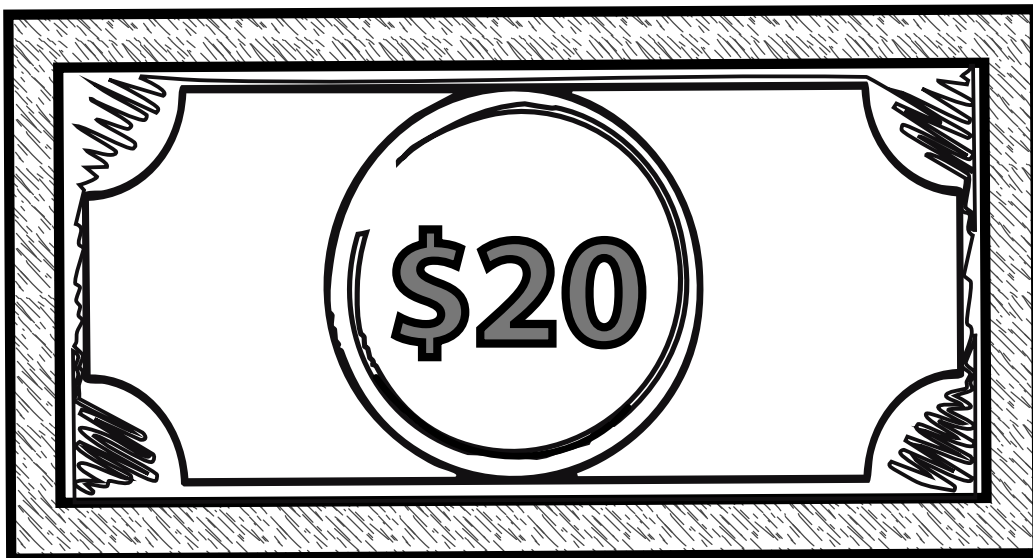
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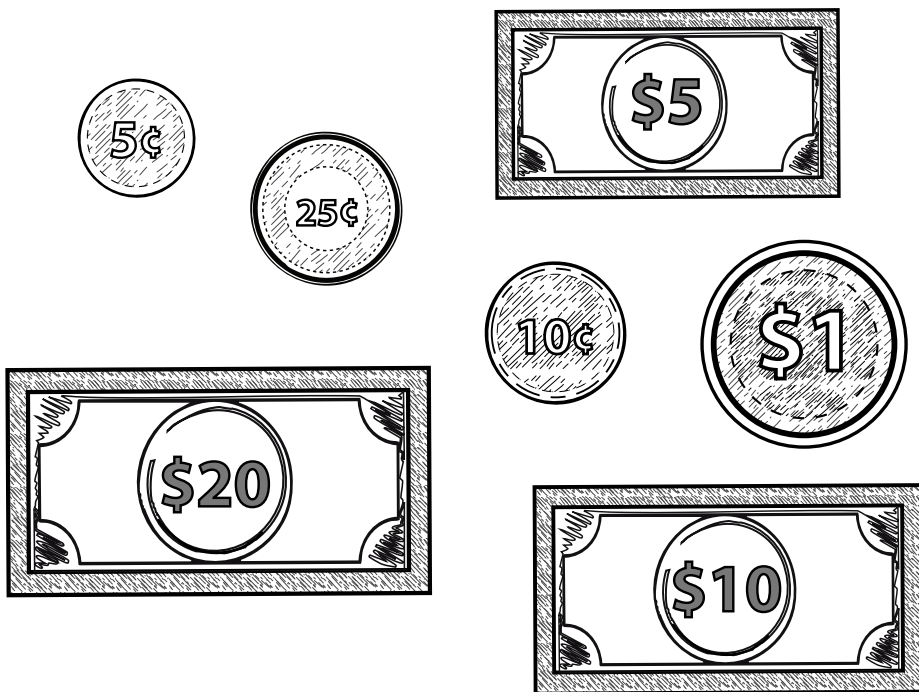


mitâtaht nîwopîhikan





nîstanaw nîwopîhikan



kahkiyaw kitâpacihânaw  
sôniyâs.



# Glossary



## sōniyās/sōniyāw

### money

#### pīkin sōniyās

change/coins

#### ipīkinisit sōniyās

different coins

#### piyak sōniyās

1 quarter

#### nīso sōniyās

fifty cents – 2 quarters

#### nisto sōniyās

seventy-five cents – 3 quarters

#### nīwo sōniyās

a loonie – 4 quarters

#### nīwopīhikan

4 fold – 1 dollar bill or loonie

#### niyānan nīwopīhikan

5 dollar bill

#### mitātaht nīwopīhikan

10 dollar bill

#### kahkiyaw kitāpaciḥānaw sōniyās.

We all use money.



nîhiyawî

