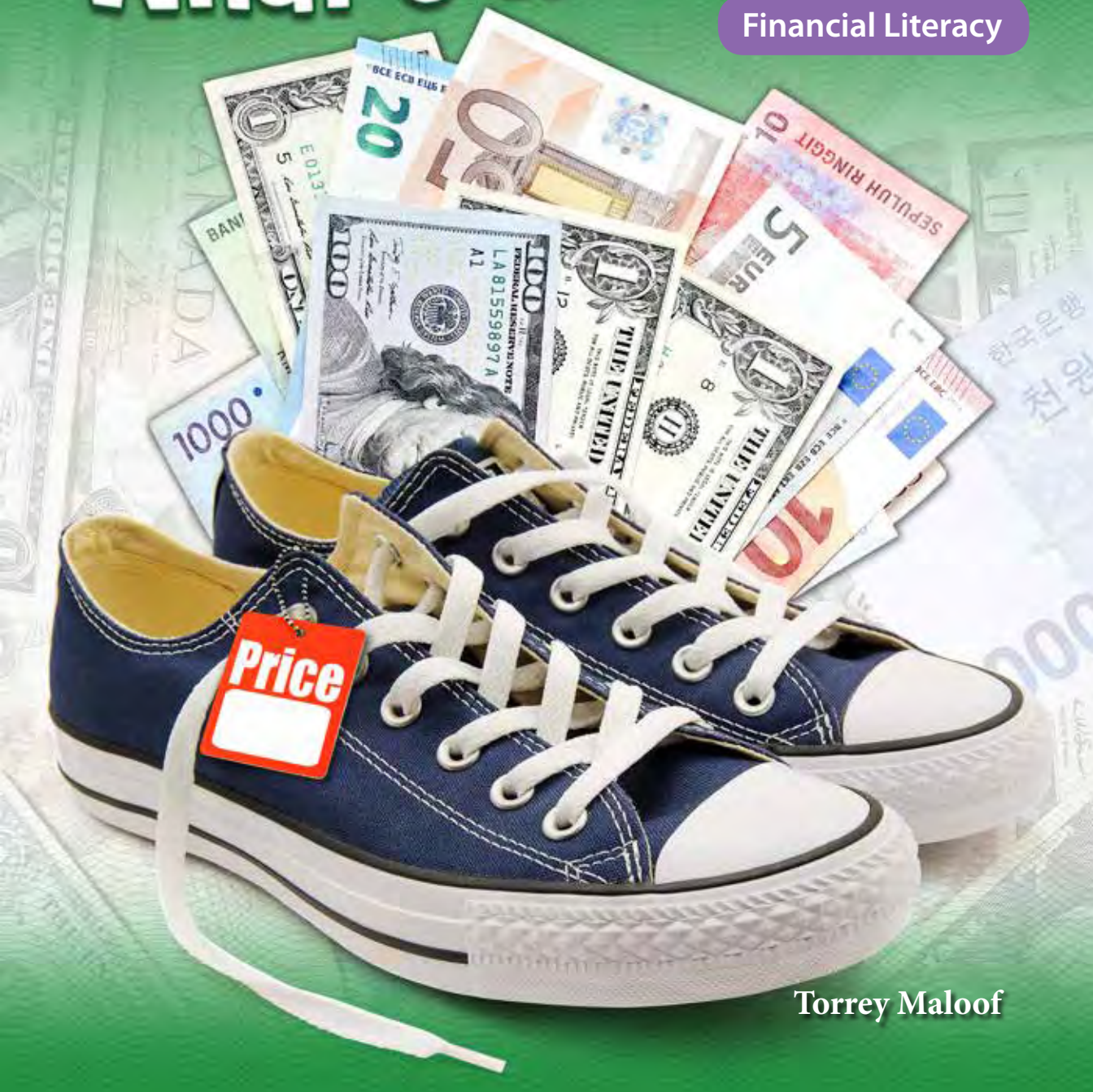
MONEY MATTERS

What's It Worth?

Financial Literacy



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Money Matters

Imagine you are at your favorite store. You have a crisp, clean $10 bill in your hand. You also have a quarter, a dime, a nickel, and a penny. As you look down at Mr. Hamilton's face on the $10 bill, you start asking yourself questions. What can I **afford** to buy? Should I buy something fun that I really want? Or, should I buy something **practical** that I need? There are many things to think about when it comes to money.

Money is a tool. It is important to use that tool properly. To do so, you must understand money's **value**. You need to know what money means to you. Once you know all the ins and outs of money, you will be able to use it wisely and make smart choices. That way, you can get the most bang for your buck!



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These are the featured products at a toy store:

1,000 piece puzzle	$3
comic book	$5
engineering kit	$20
pack of bubblegum	$1
reusable water bottle	$7
solar-powered dancing monkey	$2
super hero T-shirt	$10

1. If you have $10 to spend, which items can you afford to buy? Are there any items you cannot afford to buy?
2. How many ways can you buy 3 different items without spending more than $10?
3. Can you buy 3 items and spend exactly $10? Prove your reasoning.





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Value Choices

Does your family use paper towels? Maybe there is a roll in your kitchen. Did you know there are different **brands** of paper towels? Some are more **expensive** than others. If a paper towel is made of thick paper it may **cost** more. Thin paper towels tend to cost less. Which should you buy? Which brand is the better value? The more costly paper towels may work better. So, the roll may last longer. Or, you may want to spend less money. But, those paper towels may not work as well.

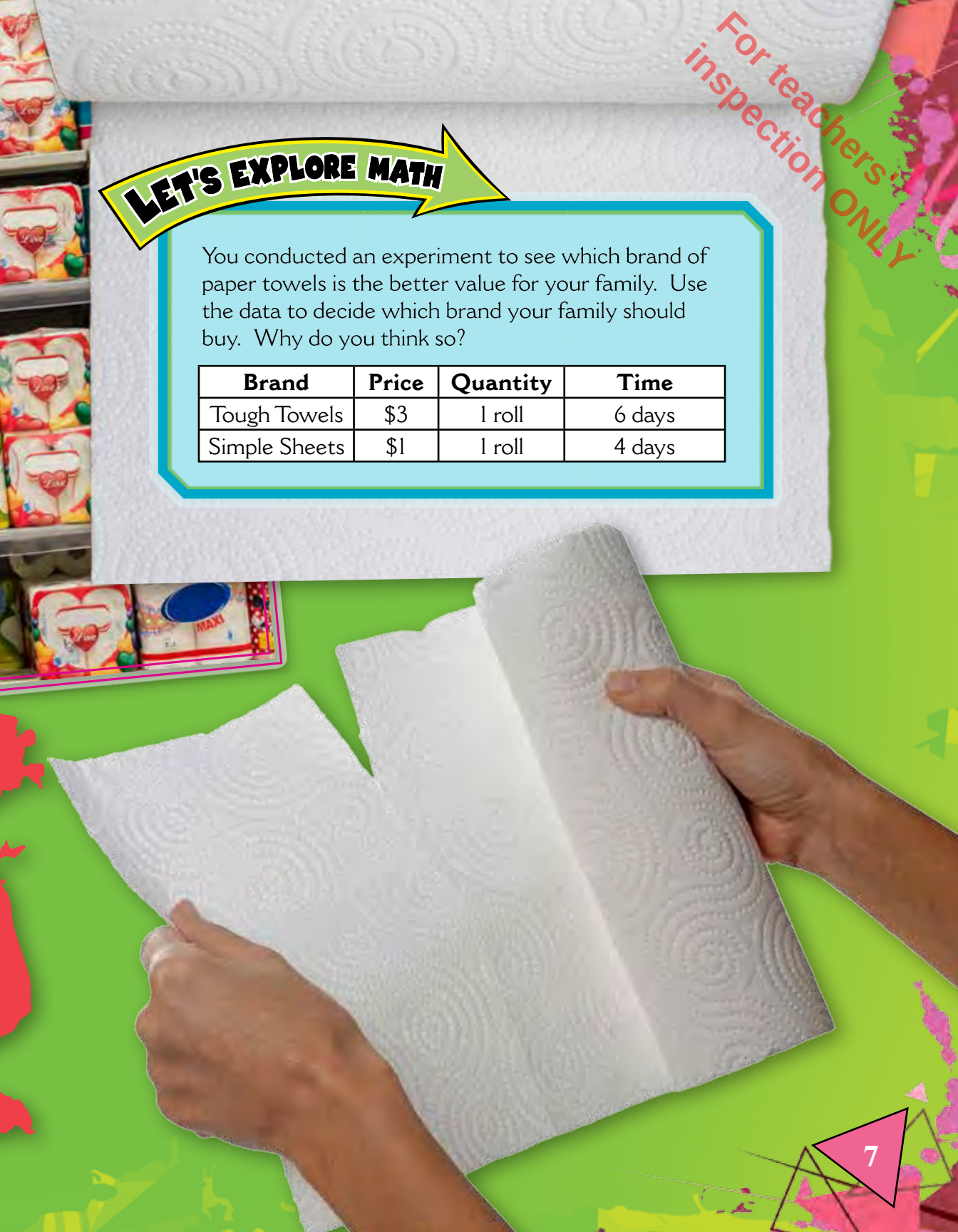
People have to make choices like this every day. Using money wisely can be a challenge. But, the more you know about the value of money, the more it will make sense. Let's take a closer look at some real-life money matters.

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LET'S EXPLORE MATH

You conducted an experiment to see which brand of paper towels is the better value for your family. Use the data to decide which brand your family should buy. Why do you think so?

Brand	Price	Quantity	Time
Tough Towels	$3	1 roll	6 days
Simple Sheets	$1	1 roll	4 days




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Family Finances

Meet Carl. He's ten years old and loves nothing more than playing basketball. Shooting hoops is his life. He hopes to be a professional basketball player one day.

Carl's mom works hard at her job. She works long hours. She does not make much money, but she makes enough to **provide** for the two of them.

Carl plays on a basketball team with students from his school. They all have the latest and greatest basketball shoes—the Air Zone Max! The shoes are stylish, sturdy, and just plain cool. Carl wants a pair badly, but he knows they are very expensive. He knows he will never be able to afford them with his allowance. So, he decides to ask his mom if she will buy the shoes for him.

