WHY PRICES GO UP

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WELCOME TO YOUR GROWING CENTS KIT

Ever wonder why things cost more than they used to? In this kit, you'll learn what inflation is, why prices change over time, and how it affects your money. Get ready to explore rising prices with fun games, real-life examples, and money-smart activities!

This Kit Includes:

Why Do Prices Go Up?

The $10 Challenge: Then vs. Now

Scenario Challenge

Wordsearch

Certificate of Completion: Celebrate your success

LETS START!

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WHY DO PRICES GO UP?

What Is Inflation?

Inflation is when prices go up over time. That means the same amount of money buys less than it used to.

Why Do Prices Change?

Prices can go up when:

- A lot of people want to buy something (high demand)
- The parts or ingredients cost more (materials)
- There's not enough of something (supply is low)

What Does It Mean for You?

- Your money doesn't stretch as far
- Saving becomes even more important!
- You might have to make smart choices when shopping

Simple Example:

Last year, a candy bar cost **$1.**

Now, the same candy bar costs **$1.50**.

That's inflation!

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THE $10 CHALLENGE: THEN VS NOW

Instructions:

You have $10 to spend in two different years — one in the past, one today. See how much you could buy then vs. now!

In the Year 2000:

- Candy bar – $1
- Juice box – $0.75
- Toy car – $2
- Comic book – $1.50
- Ice cream cone – $1.25

→ Circle what you could buy with $10 back then.

Today:

- Candy bar – $1.75
- Juice box – $1.25
- Toy car – $4
- Comic book – $3
- Ice cream cone – $2.50

→ Circle what you could buy with $10 today.

What do you notice about how much you can buy with the same $10?

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SCENARIO CHALLENGE

Now its YOUR turn to apply the concept in different scenarios!
Think about what you've learned and circle your answer!

SCENARIO 1

A toy cost $5 last year. This year it's $7.
A) Understand it's inflation
B) Get mad and throw the toy

SCENARIO 2

The price of eggs goes up.
A) Look for deals or alternatives
B) Buy a dozen anyway

SCENARIO 3

You get the same allowance every year.
A) Talk about raising it with inflation
B) Ignore it and spend less

SCENARIO 4

You see everything at the store got pricier.
A) Learn why prices change
B) Think stores are just being mean

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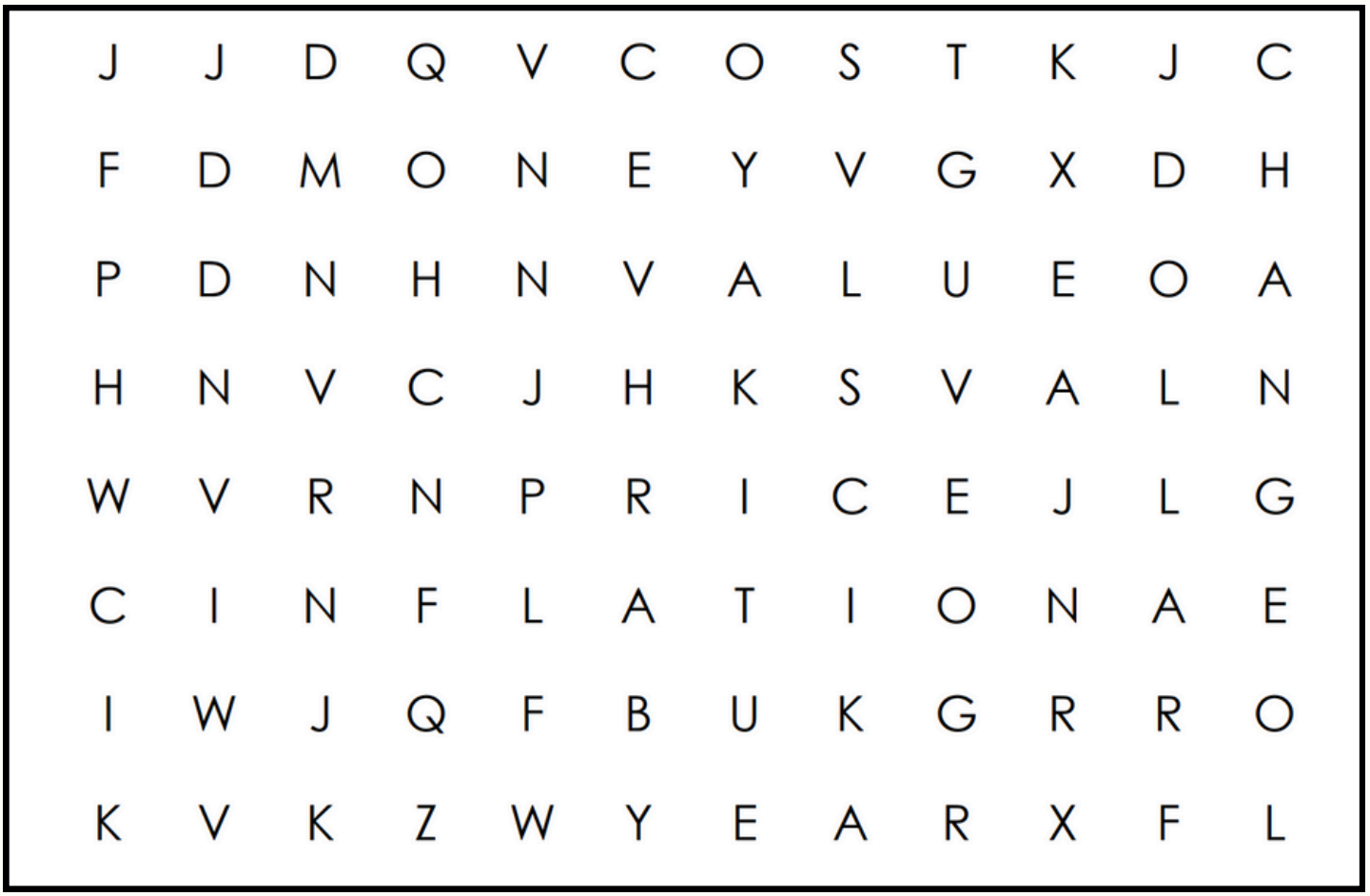
WORDSEARCH

Instructions:

Find these hidden words about inflation and rising prices!



WORD BANK

CHANGE	DOLLAR	MONEY	VALUE
COST	INFLATION	PRICE	YEAR

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate is proudly presented to:

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For their outstanding effort and smart money moves while completing the **Why Prices Go Up** challenge

DATE:

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