



Jerry Jackson writes to his brother Bob to ask if he can borrow \$10.00. Bob puts a 10-dollar bill in an envelope addressed to Jerry and drops it in the mailbox. When the postman picks up the mail, he finds a 10-dollar bill lying loose in the bottom of the mailbox.

We know that the bill probably fell out of the envelope addressed to Jerry Jackson.

no

But can the postman tell that?    yes  
no

no

Will Jerry get the money?    yes  
no

\$10.00

Bob has lost \$\_\_\_\_\_.



Susan owes a store \$5.00. To pay this, she puts a 5-dollar bill in an envelope and mails it to the store.

A few days later, Susan gets a phone call from a woman at the store. The woman asks why Susan sent an empty envelope to the store.

no

Was the envelope empty when Susan mailed it?    yes  
no

Somewhere between the mailbox and the store, the 5-dollar bill must have fallen out.

\$5.00

Susan lost \$\_\_\_\_\_.

yes

Does she still owe the store \$5.00?    yes  
no

When we buy an item, we can pay for it either with cash or with a **check**.

Don Zebra buys a ten-speed bike from his friend, Bill Murphy, for \$126.50. He pays Bill with a check that looks like this:

DON ZEBRA 2250 Byron Street Palo Alto, California		90-1622 1211
PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Bill Murphy</u>		<u>May 3</u> 19 <u>75</u>
<u>One hundred twenty-six and 50/100</u>		\$ <u>126</u> <sup>50</sup> / <sub>100</sub>
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA		DOLLARS
MEMO <u>bicycle</u>	<u>Don Zebra</u>	
⑆ 1411 ⋯ 5535 ⋯ 1552 407		

When Don gives Bill a check like the one above, it is the same as giving Bill \$126.50 in cash. He is giving Bill something worth \$126.50.

Bill Murphy

Look at the name on the line starting with **Pay to the Order of**. That name is \_\_\_\_\_. It is the name of the person who is to receive the check. This person is called the **payee**.

Don Zebra

Look at the name on the line at the lower right corner of the check. That name is \_\_\_\_\_. It is the name of the person who is giving the check.

\$126.50

Look at the number written to the right of the dollar sign. This number shows the **value** of this check in dollars. The value of the check is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Let's follow Don Zebra as he makes out his check to Bill Murphy.

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF <u>Bill Murphy</u>		<u>May 3</u> 19 <u>75</u>
		\$ _____
_____ DOLLARS		
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA		
MEMO _____		
⑆ 1011...8888: 1982 007		

Don has started to make out the check. He has filled in two things:

1. the date, \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_
2. the name of the person he is paying, \_\_\_\_\_



May 3, 1975

Bill Murphy

The check is now *made out to* Bill Murphy.

only Bill Murphy

This means that  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{anyone} \\ \text{only Bill Murphy} \end{array} \right\rangle$  will be able to cash the check.

payee

The person who can cash a check is called the  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{signer.} \\ \text{payee.} \end{array} \right\rangle$

no

Has Don written an amount by the dollar sign? yes  
no

hasn't

So he  $\left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{has} \\ \text{hasn't} \end{array} \right\rangle$  given the check a value yet.