



## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

### Sherlock Merlock Stumped By Money Mystery!

This just in ... In this fast breaking story, Sherlock Merlock has finally been stumped by this money math mystery!

Matt MoreMoney has a particularly peculiar problem. While saving for tickets to a concert of the hit group *Penny Nickel Dime*, Matt noticed that the money in his bank account (the money that the bank keeps separate just for him) just keeps growing. Each time he checks the account he has more \$!

What is going on? Imagine Matt's surprise. Is someone sneaking money into Matt's account? Why would someone do this? How else could Matt's money grow? Matt likes the extra money, but he is worried that there is something funny with his money. Why does Matt have more money?

Are you clever? Can you handle a challenge? Sherlock Merlock needs you! Solve these money exchanges to unlock the secret code that will solve this mystery once and for all.

GET OUT YOUR MAGNIFYING GLASSES (real or imaginary). Here is a list of all of the extra money Matt has found. Each of the amounts below can be exchanged for an amount listed at the bottom of this page. Find the match and fill in the answer in the price tag. Then match your answers (1-8) with the code in the safe on page 2 to solve this mystery.

Key for amounts: P=penny, Q=quarter, D=dime, N=nickel, 1\$= one dollar

1) PPPPP =

2) DN =

3) NN =

4) DDN =

5) 1\$ =

6) DNNN =

7) NP =

8) NPPPPP =

Here are your answer choices:

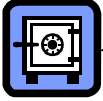
N / Q / D / QQQQ / PPPPPP / NNN





Now follow the code in our safe and fill in each blank to solve the mystery.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_ 7) \_\_\_\_\_ 8) \_\_\_\_\_



N=I / NNN=N / D=T / Q=E / QQQQ=R / PPPPPP=S



*You did it! That's right. The answer is: **INTEREST.***

**Interest** is a word for the extra money that the bank may give you just for letting them hold your money. The bank is able to use the money they hold to make more money. The bank gives you interest as an incentive or reason to keep your money there.

This is one good reason to keep your money in the bank. If you save early and wait to spend your money, you can earn a lot of money in interest. If you save just \$1 a day over 40 years, with 5% interest you could have \$50,000!

Remember: **WAIT TO SPEND AND WIN IN THE END.**