

## Saving Money is Easy: March

**Question 1:** Mark has three quarters. Carrie has four dimes and one nickel. Gary has 3 pennies, two dimes and one quarter. Who has the most money? Who has the least money?

**Answer 1:** Mark has 75 cents. Carrie has 45 cents. Greg has 48 cents. Mark has the most money, and Carrie has the least money.

**Question 2:** Keisha has four dimes and three nickels in her change purse. She wants to have enough money to buy a bag of cotton candy that costs 75 cents. How much more money does she need?

**Answer 2:** First, figure out how much money Keisha has. Four dimes equal 40 cents, and three nickels equal 15 cents. When you add them together, they equal 55 cents.

Now, subtract how much money Keisha has from how much she needs. Here's how:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$0.75 \\ - 0.55 \\ \hline \$0.20 \end{array} \quad \text{Keisha needs 20 cents.}$$

**Question 3:** You saved three one-dollar bills, 2 quarters, 15 dimes, 10 nickels, and 17 pennies. How much money have you saved?

**Answer 3:** First, figure out how much of each type of coin or bill you have.

$$\begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ \$1-dollar bills} = \$3.00 \\ 2 \text{ quarters} = 50 \text{ cents or } \$0.50 \\ 15 \text{ dimes} = 150 \text{ cents or } \$1.50 \\ 10 \text{ nickels} = 50 \text{ cents or } \$0.50 \\ 17 \text{ pennies} = 17 \text{ cents or } \$0.17 \end{array}$$

Now, add all the amounts together. Remember to line up the decimal points!

$$\begin{array}{r} \$3.00 \\ 0.50 \\ 1.50 \\ 0.50 \\ + 0.17 \\ \hline \$ 5.67 \end{array} \quad \text{You've saved \$ 5.67.}$$