

MONEY

What is money? Money is used every day by people throughout the world to buy many different goods and services.

Each country has its own form of money. This is usually coins and notes of different sizes and colours. Each coin or note has its own design and a particular value. Some people like to collect money from different countries.

No matter what country you live in, it is important to know how to use your money wisely.



MONEY AND TRADE

In the early days of **European settlement** in Australia, people did not have a lot of money. Instead of paying for things, people used to trade goods and services with each other. This is called a barter system. For example, one person might build a fence around a property in return for meat, eggs and milk.

When people did earn some money of their own, they would keep it in their homes. In those days, houses were easy to break into, so money was often stolen.

Goods and services could be bought in shops, like the butcher shop in this painting, or traded for other goods and services.

