

## Story

# Friendship bracelets

It was Sunday evening and Ji-Hoon was bored at home. He had already taken his dog, Billie, out for a walk, cleaned his room, and done all of his homework. None of his favorite TV shows were on. He didn't know what to do.

Then he remembered a present he had received at the community center holiday party last year. It was a craft kit. But where was it?

"Billie, I know it's here somewhere," said Ji-Hoon. He looked in his closet and under his bed. "Aha, I found it!" exclaimed Ji-Hoon.

"I think I'll make a friendship bracelet for Jamierain. I'll give it to her at school tomorrow. What do you think, Billie? Is that a good idea?" asked Ji-Hoon.

"Woof! Woof!" barked Billie.

Ji-Hoon sat on the floor in his living room and created the most beautiful bracelet for Jamierain. It had all the colours of the rainbow and the letter "J" for Jamierain.

Ji-Hoon was very happy with his work, so he showed his auntie. "Auntie! Auntie! Look at the bracelet I made for Jameirain. Isn't it nice? Do you think she will like it?" asked Ji-Hoon.

"Oh Ji-Hoon, this is lovely! I'm sure she will love it," said Ji-Hoon's auntie. "Don't forget to show your mom when she gets home from work."

"I will. C'mon Billie, let's go for another walk," said Ji-Hoon.



The next morning, Ji-Hoon woke up bright and early. He couldn't wait to get to school and show Jamierain the bracelet he had made for her.

"Auntie, let's go, I'm ready!" yelled Ji-Hoon

"I'm coming, I'm coming!" his auntie yelled back.

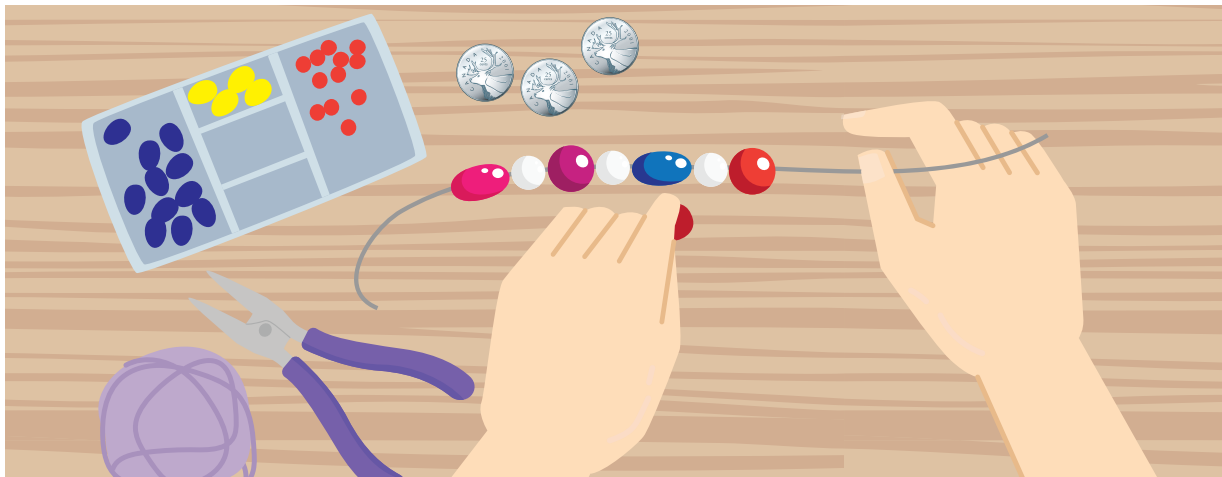
As Ji-Hoon and his auntie approached the school, he saw Jamierain and some other kids playing in the sandbox.

"Jamierain! Jamierain! I have something for you!" called Ji-Hoon. He ran towards her and the other kids, holding the bracelet in his hand.

"This is for you. I made it last night. Do you like it?" asked Ji-Hoon

"Thank you, Ji-Hoon! I love it! It's soooooo colourful!" Jamierian said, giving him a huge smile.

All 10 children on the playground asked Ji-Hoon to make them friendship bracelets too. They offered to pay him 75 cents each.



Ji-Hoon was excited to make bracelets for all of his friends. He was even more excited about the **money** he was going to make. He couldn't wait to tell his auntie.

When he got home from school, Ji-Hoon told his auntie about the bracelets. "That's great, Ji-Hoon," said his aunt. "If you **save** up the money you make from the bracelets, you can sign up for in the school's pizza lunch at the end of the month."

"Or, if you add up all of your **pocket money** from your **chores**, your birthday money from your grandparents, and the money you make from the bracelets, you might be able to **afford** the scooter you want from the thrift store," Ji-Hoon's mom said.

Ji-Hoon's aunt helped him lay out all of the supplies he needed to make 10 bracelets. "We are going to need a lot of patience, Auntie!" Ji-Hoon said. "You're right about that!" his auntie laughed.

All evening, Ji-Hoon and his auntie sat in the living room, making bracelets for Ji-Hoon's friends at school. "This is hard work, Billie," said Ji-Hoon.

By the end of the night, Ji-Hoon had made all 10 bracelets. "I can definitely buy the scooter now, Billie," he said happily. Ji-Hoon cleaned up the living room and went to bed.



At school the next day, Ji-Hoon's friends all gathered together and waited for him to arrive. They were all excited to see the bracelets he had made them.

One by one, the friends received their bracelets and paid Ji-Hoon 75 cents each. Everyone was happy with the bracelets Ji-Hoon created. The kids on the playground talked about the bracelets all day.

Ji-Hoon went home after school and counted his money with his mom and auntie.

"I made 10 bracelets and I sold all of them for 75 cents each. That means I made 10 times 75 cents or 750 cents. That's \$7.50, right Mom?" asked Ji-Hoon.

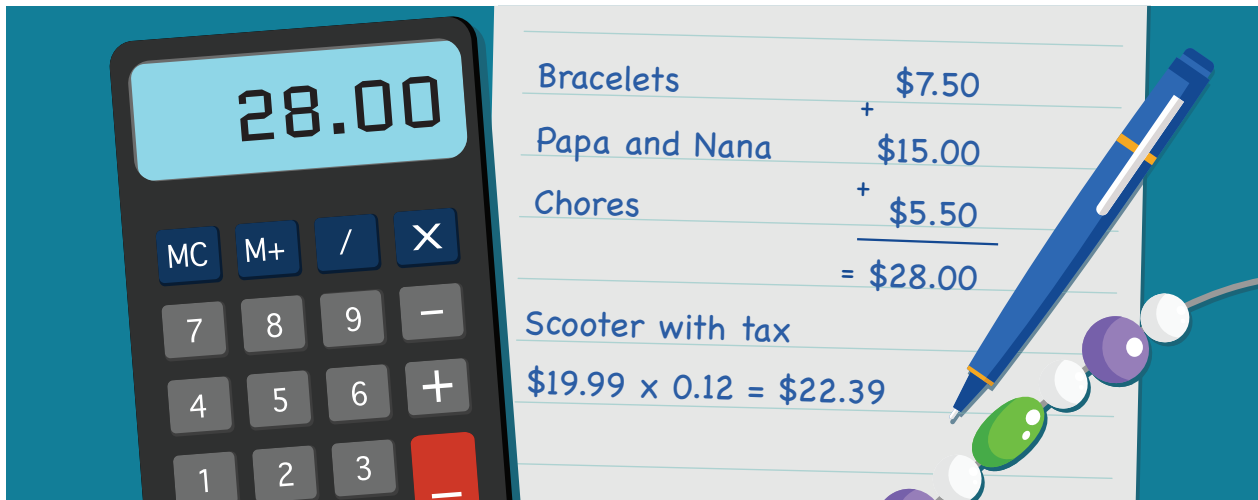
"Yes Ji-Hoon, you **earned** \$7.50 . You also have \$15 from papa and nana and another \$5.50 from doing your chores," said Ji-Hoon's mom.

"So, I have \$7.50 + \$15 + \$5.50," Ji-Hoon said. He got his calculator to add up the amounts.

"That's a total of \$28.00!" Ji-Hoon said excitedly. Billie barked. She was excited too.

Ji-Hoon stopped for a moment, thinking. "Do I have enough for the scooter and to pay for my pizza lunch next week?" he asked.

"Well, Ji-Hoon, the scooter **costs** \$19.99 plus **sales tax**, and your pizza lunch costs \$5," said Ji-Hoon's mom.



Ji-Hoon went back to his calculator. He figured out that the scooter would cost \$22.39, including tax.

"I have \$28, so I now have to **subtract** the cost of the scooter to see if I have enough money for my pizza lunch.  $\$28 - \$22.39 = \$5.61$ ," said Ji-Hoon as he punched the numbers into his calculator. "Wooohoooo!" he yelled. "I have enough money for the scooter and my pizza lunch!" He ran across the room to give his mom and auntie big hugs.

"Wow, Ji-Hoon! You did an excellent job of making extra money by selling your bracelets and saving up your pocket money and birthday money," said his mom.

"Hard work pays off, doesn't it?" asked his auntie.

"Yes, it does, Auntie, and thank you, Mommy," said Ji-Hoon. "Is it too late to go to the store to buy the scooter?"

"Lucky for you, the store is still open. Let's go get you that scooter!" said his mom.

All three of them walked to the thrift store, where Ji-Hoon used his own money to buy the scooter.

## Glossary: Definitions of story words

**Afford:** To have enough money to pay for something.

**Chore:** A small job to do around the house, like cleaning the dishes or mowing the lawn.

**Cost:** How much money you need to buy something.

**Earn:** To get something because you worked hard for it.

**Money:** Things like coins and bills that are used to pay for things, or to pay someone for their work.

**Pocket money:** Small amounts of money as a reward for doing small jobs.

**Save:** To put money away to use it in the future.

**Subtract:** To take away an amount from a total.

**Tax:** An amount of money you have to pay to the government so that it can pay for things like schools and roads.

## Elements of a Story

**Elements of a story:** The pieces of a story that come together to make it complete. Story elements include characters, setting, and plot.

**Characters:** The people or animals in the story.

**Conflict:** The problem in the story that needs to be solved or fixed.

**Plot:** What happens in the story.

**Setting:** Where and when the story takes place.

**Theme:** The story's main idea.