## MONEY

Read and choose the best word for the gap.

What is money? The pound, the dollar or the euro are actually just

(1)\_\_\_\_\_ a gram or a kilometer. The difference is that you can exchange money for something (2)\_\_\_\_\_. A ten-pound note may buy a book, a huge bag of sweets, or a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of cinema tickets. But the note itself is only a printed (4) \_\_\_\_ of paper which costs almost nothing to make. Thousands of years (5) \_\_\_\_, people didn't have money as we know (6) \_\_\_\_. There were no banks (7) \_\_\_\_ even shops. In those days, Mr. Green the farmer exchanged the corn he (8) \_\_\_\_ grown for Mr. Hive's honey. This was an exchange arranged between two (9) \_\_\_\_, each of whom had something that the other wanted. But in time, most societies invented their own "currencies" (10) \_\_\_\_ that people could exchange more. The different currencies began to join together, which is why (11) \_\_\_\_ everyone uses the same currency in their country.

