

FOCUS ON READING

Vocabulary:

bills	completely	counterfeiters
equipment	fake	illegal
prevent	scanners	ink technologies

Read the story. See if you can understand it even though some words are missing.

One day last year, some New York City sanitation workers were very surprised when they emptied a garbage can. Along with the banana peels and empty Coke cans, they found \$18 million in new 1. _____.

Who would throw out all that money? The workers felt that something was not right, so they called the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the part of the government that makes paper money. The Bureau employees said that the money looked real but that, in fact, it wasn't. It was 2. _____ —and not legal. The garbage must have belonged to 3. _____, people who make money that is not real. They use both old and new 4. _____, or ways, to make money. For example, some make the money by using printing presses, big machines similar to those for making books or newspapers; others use 5. _____ and computer 6. _____. These counterfeiters probably printed a lot of money and weren't happy with how it looked. Maybe the drawing wasn't good enough. Or maybe the 7. _____ was not exactly the right color. So they threw it all out.

The people at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing were mad. Copying money is 8. _____. Counterfeiters who get caught can go to prison for a long time. The people at the Bureau work very hard to 9. _____ people from making fake money.

The Bureau never caught these counterfeiters. Nobody knows if they were able to make another \$18 million that looked 10. _____ real.