

What Are Stocks?

A company like Amazon is selling **shares**. This means they are selling pieces of the company to you called **shares**. So, when the company makes a profit, you get some of that profit. The more shares you own, the more profit you get. **You pay for each share of stock you want.** Some shares are as little as \$1 per share and some are more expensive like the company Tesla at \$50 a share.

A **profit** is what a company or person makes after they have paid for what it costs to operate or run a business. If you have shares in a company, you watch the **Stock Market**. The stock market shows the prices per shares for different companies. **The prices on each stock can go up and down constantly.** If the prices/value of your shares in the company **go up, you are making money, but if they go down then you are losing money.**

Name one company you think makes a lot of profit that makes their stock valuable?

Google to find out how much a share is for this company.

