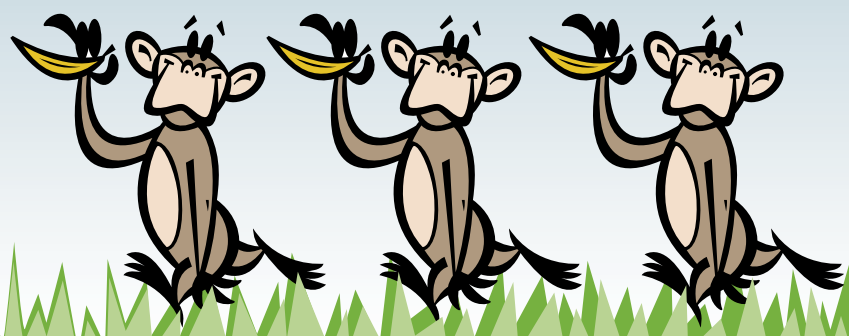
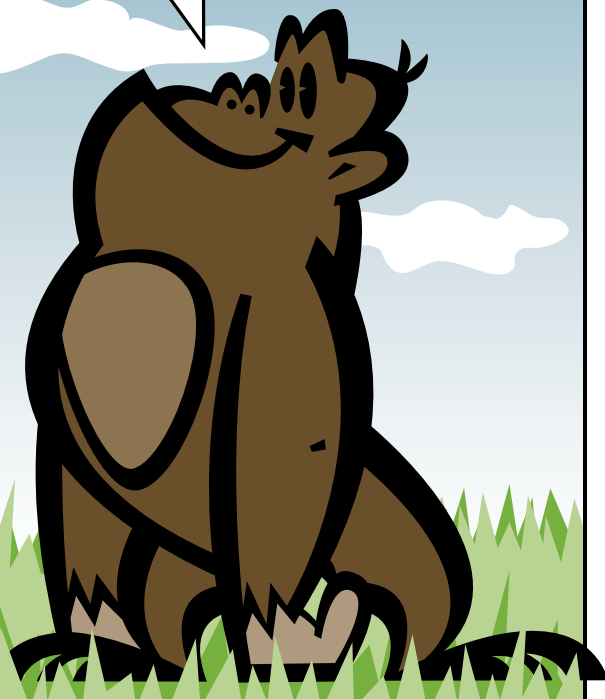


If your friends cheated on a test, would you cheat too? Hopefully not! If you do something just because other people do it – that’s called giving in to peer pressure.



Come On! Everybody’s Doing It!

Do You Know What Peer Pressure Is?

Your “peers” are your friends at school, kids in your neighborhood and even your brothers and sisters. Sometimes they pressure you into doing good things, like studying extra hard to get your name on the honor roll. But sometimes peer pressure makes us do things we regret – like blow all of our savings and allowance on the fanciest bicycles, electronic gadgets and shoes – just to fit in.

Who’s the Boss of You? One of the easiest ways to tell if you’re being peer pressured is hearing, “Come on! Everybody’s doing it!” It may be hard to say no to peer pressure, but you can do it!

Remember, your peers are not the boss of you. *You’re* the boss of you! Here are some pointers to keep you in charge:

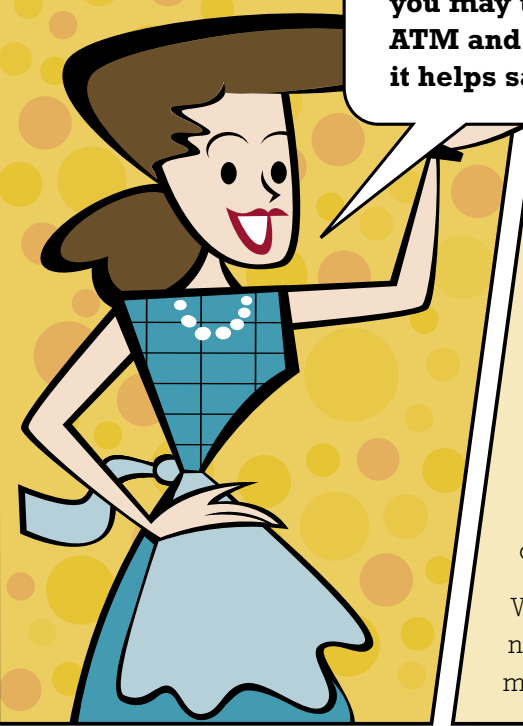
Ask an adult for help. Parents, teachers and coaches were kids

once, too. Ask them what they did to resist caving in to peer pressure.

Have a lot of different friends. If you don’t like what one group of friends is saying, hang with your other friends for a while.

Practice makes perfect. Ask a parent to take you to practice depositing money into your savings account. Save for things that you decide are important.

When you are older, you may use an ATM and see how it helps save time!



How Do ATMs Give Money?

“I have to get money at the ATM.”

Adults may say this when they need to get cash. Have you ever thought about what an ATM is and how it works? It’s not a magic money machine!

The letters ATM stand for automated teller machine. An ATM can do some of the things a human teller can do, such as give cash from a checking or savings account.

When your parents use an ATM, they need to insert a special card into the machine. This card is connected with

their account. A dark strip on the back of the card stores information about their account, and the ATM reads it. The ATM asks for a special number (a secret code!) that must be entered before the machine works.

After the ATM accepts the code, a screen shows it is OK to take out money. The machine has a special “electric eye” that counts bills so it doesn’t give out more money than it should!

Grown-ups like ATMs because they make life easier. When you are older, you may use an ATM and see how it helps save time!

It's a Coin Circus!



Welcome to the coin circus, where you'll learn amazing facts about the world's strangest coins. These coins may not be in your pocket change, but years ago they were used by real people. Enjoy the show!

Ant Noses and Copper Elephants ... on the Loose!

Back in the year 600 B.C., people in China used a coin called an ant nose to buy food and clothing. These coins were not tiny like ants, and they didn't look like noses. However "ant nose" was the type of copper used to make them.

In 1694, you could find copper elephants in America! No, not life-size elephants dressed in copper. England made copper coins called elephant tokens used in the colonies.

A Stampede of Coins

Horses helped make the first U.S. coins. That's right! When the U.S. Mint first started making coins, there was no "on" button to operate the coin press. The Mint needed horsepower from real horses and oxen to run the coin presses before 1816.

Pickled Pennies on Parade

Pickled pennies sound silly, but they are real. They don't taste or smell like pickles, but they are "pickled." In fact, all of today's coins are soaked in special chemicals before they are made into coins.

Now you know about some of the wackiest coins around. Want to learn more? Visit www.usmint.gov/kids.

Clowning Around with Coins

Grab the coins from your piggy bank and use your imagination to create a show. You could have pennies walking a tightrope, spinning nickels or a pyramid of quarters. Just remember to deposit your coins in your savings account to keep them safe when they're not busy performing.



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Make Your Own Cool Treats!



What are your favorite summer sweets? Maybe you love a cold glass of lemonade on a hot day or a nice, gooey popsicle might just hit the spot. Buying treats costs money. You can have fun and save money by making your own yummy snacks at home.

When you're hot and thirsty, try this easy recipe with an adult's help. The popsicles are good for you, and they taste great, too!

Strawberry-Banana Popsicles*

The ingredients (the stuff you'll need):

- 1 banana
- 3 oz. package strawberry Jell-O™
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup strawberry yogurt
- Popsicle molds or 3 oz. cups and craft sticks

Be Your Own Chef

Show your friends what a good cook you are and share your popsicles with them. You can also tell them about the money you saved by making them yourself, and how you've deposited your extra dollars into your savings account.

How to Make Them

Dissolve strawberry Jell-O in one cup boiling water. Place all the ingredients in a blender container. Blend until smooth. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze.



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