

A. Answer the questions.

1. What was Kyle MacDonald's plan in 2005?

- To sell his red paper clip.
- To trade a paper clip for a house.
- To trade his paper clip for a fish pen.

2. Which items did Kyle get in his trades? Choose 3 items.

doorknob	bicycle	bread
van	tree	stove

3. Which famous singer did Kyle meet?

- He met Selena Gomez.
- He met Michael Jackson.
- He met Alice Cooper.

4. On which date did Kyle finally get his house?

- He got his house on June 5, 2006.
- He got his house on July 14, 2005.
- He got his house on June 4, 2005.

5. How many trades did it take to get his house?

- It took Kyle 14 trades to get his house.
- It took Kyle 10 trades to get his house.
- It took Kyle 20 trades to get his house.

6. Long ago in a trade, what would a baker give?

- A baker would give a haircut in a trade.
- A baker would give bread in a trade.
- A baker would give wheat in a trade.

7. What chore did the author of this text hate?

- The author hated vacuuming.
- The author hated doing the dishes.
- The author hated tidying his or her room.

8. What does *barter* mean?

- Barter means to sell something.
- Barter means to trade for something.
- Barter means to discuss the price of something.

9. According to the text, what did Kyle MacDonald start with?

- He started with a house.
- He started with a big idea and a small trade.
- He started with a small idea and a big trade.

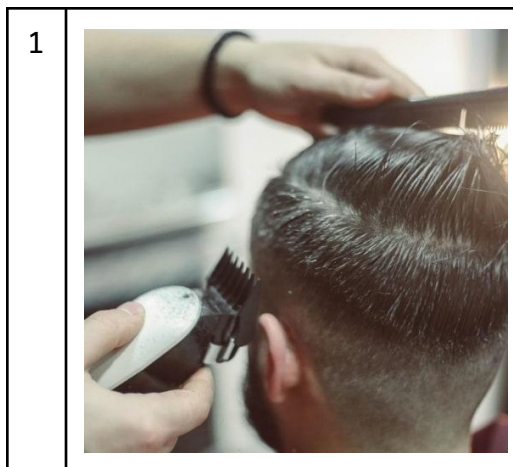
10. Do you think you would be a good trader like Kyle MacDonald? Why or why not?

B. Choose the correct word to complete the story.

goods	unfair	payment	deals
chores	skill	plan	services
barter	paper clip	fair	trade

Do you think a _____ is worth as much as a house? The answer might surprise you! In 2005, Kyle MacDonald made a _____. He wanted to see if he could _____ a house for one red paper clip. He swapped his paper clip for a pen. He swapped his pen for a doorknob. He continued making good _____ until he got a house! Long ago, people would trade _____ and _____. They would use these as _____ instead of money. Some trades were _____. Some trades were _____. Trading was a good _____ to have. Now, some people trade _____ with their siblings. In some countries, people _____ to get a good price for something. Are you good at bartering?

C. Match the picture to the sentence.



A farmer would give a baker wheat.
The baker would give the farmer bread.
It was a fair trade.



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Most people would think that a paper clip is not worth very much.
How much is a paper clip worth?

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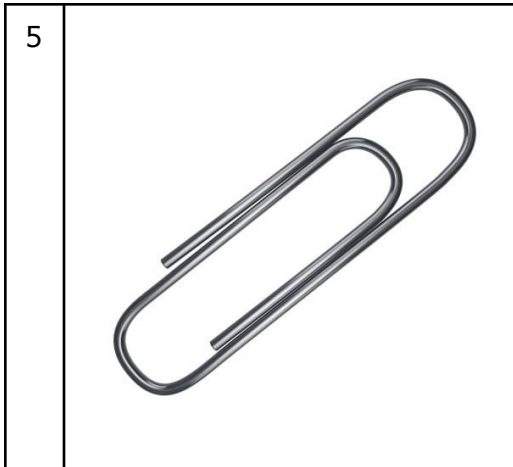


The barber would give the baker a haircut.
They would trade things instead of using money.

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I hated vacuuming, and she hated washing the dishes.
We would trade when we had those chores.



On June 5, 2006, Kyle finally got his house.
 Kyle made fourteen trades to get his house.



Kyle even got to meet Alice Cooper, a famous singer.

D. Put the title, and the paragraphs in the correct order.

	Number
<p>Sometimes they would trade goods for services. The baker would give the barber bread. The barber would give the baker a haircut. They would trade things instead of using money.</p>	
<p>On July 14, 2005, Kyle MacDonald made a plan. He wanted to see if he could get a house for one red paper clip. He asked people to trade something to him for his paper clip. Two women agreed to trade a fish pen for the paper clip.</p>	
<p>Sometimes the trades were fair. Sometimes they were unfair. People had to learn to trade well. It was a useful skill to have.</p>	



On June 5, 2006, Kyle finally got his house.
 Kyle made fourteen trades to get his house.
 He started this plan for fun.
 He now has a house in Saskatchewan, Canada.
 Kyle was very good at trading.
 What would you trade for one red paper clip?

One Red Paper Clip

Have you ever traded things with your friends?
 Have you ever traded chores with your siblings?
 My sister and I used to trade chores.
 I hated vacuuming, and she hated washing the dishes.
 We would trade when we had those chores.
 It was a great deal for both of us.
 She liked vacuuming, and I liked washing dishes.

Long ago, people would trade goods.
 What does that mean?
 A farmer would give a baker wheat.
 The baker would give the farmer bread.
 It was a fair trade.
 They gave things each other needed.
 They used their goods as payment.

Most people would think that a paper clip is not worth very much.
 How much is a paper clip worth?
 How much is a house worth?
 Do you think that one red paper clip is worth as much as these things above?
 The answer might surprise you.

Trading and bartering sometimes bring you great things.
 Kyle MacDonald started with a big idea and a small trade.
 He ended with a big idea and a huge trade.
 What an amazing journey he had.

Kyle traded his fish pen for a doorknob.
 He traded his doorknob for a little stove.
 He kept trading and he got bigger and better things.
 Kyle got a van, a holiday for two people, and a year in a house.

Kyle even got to meet Alice Cooper, a famous singer.
 He helped Kyle get a snow globe.
 Kyle traded that snow globe for a part in a movie.
 With that movie part, Kyle made one last trade.



In some countries, it is common to barter.
 Barter means to discuss the price of something.
 Some people are great at bartering.
 They can get a great price on what they want.
 Are you good at bartering?

E. Word Count. Read the passage again. Count how many times you see the following words in the passage and title.

Word	How many times did you see this word in the story?
trade (trades, traded)	
give	
clip	
people	
sometimes	

Today I learned:
