



# Wacky Facts

People have used a lot of different types of objects as money. Can you guess which one of these is true?

- A. 3,000 years ago, Romans used computer chips as money.
- B. The largest coin ever weighed over 500 pounds.
- C. Kangaroos exchange pocket lint as money.

Answer: B is true! - Each Yap was so big you would need a truck to haul it around!

# Try This Out!

## Stylish Sunglasses Strap

You'll need an adult's help with this one.

What you'll need:

- 1 30" piece of string or strong thread
- 2 Plastic beads or other jewelry that can slip onto the string
- 3 Plastic eyeglass holders (you can find these at drugstores or eyeglass stores)



What do to:

First, attach one of the eyeglass holders to an end of the string. Now, start putting your beads or other items onto your string. Try to cover the whole thing. Once you're happy with the look, attach the other eyeglass holder. Finally, attach your sunglasses. Instant fashion accessory.

# JOKE BOX

**Q: Why was the broom late?**

**A: Because it over swept . Ha!**

~ Parker , Age 9

Send me your jokes at the Kirby website. You might see yours here.



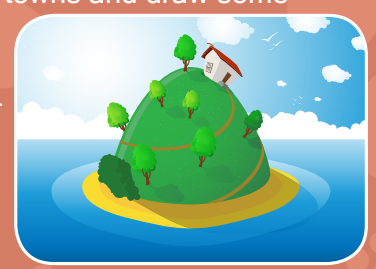
# Kirby's Adventures

## Kirby creates his own island!

As I was hopping around this winter, I bounded into a 5th grade classroom. There I met Ms. Tipson and her class of wonderful boys and girls.

They invited me to join them in making up our own island country. You can do one too. Just follow these simple steps.

1. Draw your island country shape on a chalk or white board, or even on a big piece of paper. You can do any shape you like. Ours was shaped like a dog bone.
2. Now, add geographic formations to your island. Does yours have a desert? Should it have mountains? Maybe a volcano would be nice.
3. Now give all of your mountains, rivers other geographic structures names. One of ours was called Kirby's Canyon. Neat, huh?
4. Add cities to your country. Be sure to name your cities and towns and draw some roads to connect them to one another.
5. Finally, color your country and give it a name.



# Did You Know?

## Not that long ago, people would trade one item for another item instead of using money.

For example, a person might trade a fish for a blanket or firewood for food. It is called bartering.

Bartering is still going on today. Like when you trade toys or cards with your friends. That is also bartering. But because it was hard to put a value on a fish depending on its size and tastiness, money was invented.

Over time, people put values to certain metals. The first use of marked metal money is believed to have been in Egypt about 2,500 B.C. The Greeks perfected marked coins just over 2,000 years ago. By 500 B.C., people were using coin money all over Greece and Rome.

Today, our money comes in coins and paper. Just like the coins from thousands of years ago, we know how many gumballs we can buy with each type of money.

Can you name all the different types of coins we have in our country? How many do you have in your piggy bank?



# pOLL bOX

**The Poll:** Where do kangaroos hop the best?

- A) At a sock hop
- B) Ayers Rock
- C) At the zoo
- D) Anywhere their feet take them

Cast your vote at the Kirby website today.



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### Kirby's Secret Code



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### Coins in North America

There are lots of different types of money in North America. Here are just a few. Do you know how much each one is worth?




American Quarter




American Nickel




Canadian Quarter




American Dime



Canadian Nickel



Canadian Dime