

LIFESKILLS IN ACTION

MONEY SKILLS+

Using
Coupons

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Out of milk?

Need new clothes?

Time to go shopping!

We all have to shop.

We shop for things we need.

And for things we want.

It can cost a lot.

Each thing you buy adds up.

But you can save money
when you shop.

How? With **coupons!**



A coupon is made to **save you money**.

How much? It depends on the coupon.

It may save you fifty cents.

It may save you five dollars.





You can find coupons for almost anything.

Food.

Cleaning supplies.

Even movie tickets.





There are **paper coupons**.

People find them in newspapers and magazines.

They cut them out.

Then they take them to the store.

There are **digital coupons** too.

People find them online.

Then they print them.

Or download them.

Coupons are in many places.

You just have to know where to look.

And when to use them.



GET THE
DEAL



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Jack's mom always looked for a deal. She liked to clip coupons. She liked to save money.

But Jack did not care about that. He had better things to do. He liked to hang out with friends. He played sports at school.

But soon school was over. Jack got his diploma. He got a job. He got his own place.

Jack was happy. He had bills to pay. He had to shop. But he could get what he liked to eat. He could do what he liked to do.

Then things changed. Jack was laid off from work. He kept looking for a new job. Money was tight.

Jack came home from the grocery store one day. He pulled items from the bags. He pulled out a can of beans.

Jack saw a coupon on the can. It was a sticker. He peeled the coupon off the can. It was for fifty cents off.

“Peel off,” the sticker read. “Use at check out.”

Jack was mad. He did not see it at the store.

He had five cans in the bag. Each can had a coupon on it. He should have peeled them off. He could have used them. He would have saved over two dollars.

Jack went to see his mom the next day. “Stay for dinner,” his mom said. She knew things were tight. She wanted to help.

“Thanks,” said Jack.

They talked as they ate. Jack told his mom about the sticker coupons. “Do you ever see those?” he asked.

“Sure,” his mom replied. “I always look for those. And you should too.”

GET THE DEAL

A metal shopping cart is positioned against a green corrugated metal wall. The cart is empty and its wheels are visible at the bottom. The title 'GET THE DEAL' is printed in large, white, distressed letters across the top half of the image.

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