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Town Treasurer Quest: A First Grade Money Mission

Solve tricky community puzzles by choosing between building new parks or fixing snowy roads to keep our neighborhood happy and safe.

1. The mayor has \$10 left in the town's piggy bank. A new playground costs \$10, and fixing a broken streetlight costs \$10. If the mayor chooses the playground, what is the 'trade-off'?

- A. The town gets both things for free
- B. The town cannot fix the streetlight
- C. The mayor finds more money on the ground
- D. The playground is built twice

2. True or False: If the government decides to build a giant library, they might need to collect more tax pennies from the people in town.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The town leaders are arguing! Some want to spend money on a pool, and others want to save it for an emergency. This plan for spending and saving is called a _____.

- A. Grocery list
- B. Toy box
- C. Budget
- D. Secret

4. Imagine nobody is buying snacks at the town market. To help the shops, the government gives every family 'snack coupons.' Why did they do this?

- A. To make people go back to the shops and help the economy
- B. Because they wanted to get rid of the paper
- C. To make the shopkeepers take a nap
- D. To stop people from eating snacks

5. True or False: The government can spend an infinite amount of money without ever running out or needing more taxes.

- A. True
- B. False

6. When the government builds a new bridge, they are using _____ to help people get to work faster.

- A. Magic
- B. Public Spending
- C. Wishing wells
- D. Hide and seek

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7. The town has a very big problem: there isn't enough snow equipment for a blizzard! What is the best way for the government to fix this quickly?

- A. Ask everyone to stay home until summer
- B. Change the budget to spend more on snow plows
- C. Give everyone a free ice cream cone
- D. Lower the taxes and hope snow plows appear

8. True or False: If the town lowers taxes, families have more of their own money to spend at the toy store.

- A. True
- B. False

9. A tax on healthy apples is low, but a tax on sugary soda is high. The government does this to _____ people to make healthy choices.

- A. Scare
- B. Trick
- C. Encourage
- D. Confuse

10. If the government spends more money than it collected in taxes this year, what has happened?

- A. They have extra money left over
- B. They have a budget deficit (they owe money)
- C. They are closing the town forever
- D. Everything in town becomes free