Words to Know

Budget: A plan for what you need and how much money you'll need to spend.

Compound interest: When you deposit money into a savings account, your money earns more money, called interest. Compound interest can help you earn even more money over time.

Credit: Money a company is willing to loan a person to purchase goods and services with the agreement that the money will be repaid with interest.

Credit card: A card issued by a bank, other financial institution, or business that allows consumers to purchase goods and services on credit. Credit cards are specific kinds of loans.

Custodial account: An account set up and maintained by an adult but intended for a person under legal age. When the person is old enough, the account reverts to their name.

Debt: The amount of money owed to lenders.

Debit card: A card used to pay for goods and services directly from a checking account by transferring funds electronically to the store's account to pay for a purchase; also called check cards.

Fraud: Misleading, cheating, or tricking.

Identity theft: When someone steals another person's information and uses it for their personal gain.

Income: Money you receive from different sources. Earned income is money from a job, tips, or your business. Unearned income comes from cash gifts, interest on a savings account, or stocks, bonds, and other investment income. You may pay taxes on both earned and unearned income.

Interest: Additional money that can be earned on a savings account, or additional money that must be paid on a credit card.

Investment: Putting money in things like stocks, bonds, and real estate—anything that can help money grow.

Micro savings: A savings option that helps people with limited income build their assets. It allows them to save even the smallest amounts of money over time.

Online marketplace: Also referred to as an ecommerce marketplace, this is a website where consumers can shop for products and services from many different sources.

Peer-to-peer: Means from user to user.

Savings: Money that is not spent and has been set aside to use later.

Scam: A dishonest scheme, usually to get money from someone.

Stocks: A way to invest in a company by buying shares. If the company does well, the investor receives extra money called dividends.

U.S. savings bond: A long-term investment option backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.