# **Understanding Your Paycheck**





Personal Finance for Individuals with Diverse Abilities

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## What We'll Learn Today



What comes out of a paycheck



Where earned money goes



How taxes come out of a paycheck



How other money comes out of a paycheck

#### **Questions to Discuss in Pairs**

- Where do you work?
- How much money do you make per hour?
- How much total money did you earn?
- What amount did you <u>actually</u> receive?
- What other amounts do you see?



#### **Smartphone tip:**

You can use your phone's calculator to work through the numbers on the paycheck if you wish.

#### When You Get Your Paycheck

**Take-home Pay** 

equals

**Total Amount Earned** 

minus

**MONEY TAKEN OUT** 

The left over money can be saved or spent.



#### What Gets Taken Out?

# Income taxes

Money paid to the government

#### **Social Security**

To help older people today

#### Medicare

To help older people with medical expenses

#### **Benefits**

Provided through an employer

Got a job at a day care.



Wants to know more about money.



Notices money taken from her paycheck.



"Where did my paycheck go?"



Let's help her find out!



## **Alexandria's Paycheck**

Little Treasures Child Care, Inc.
P.O. Box 1327
Waterbury, CT 06708

DATE January 16, 2017

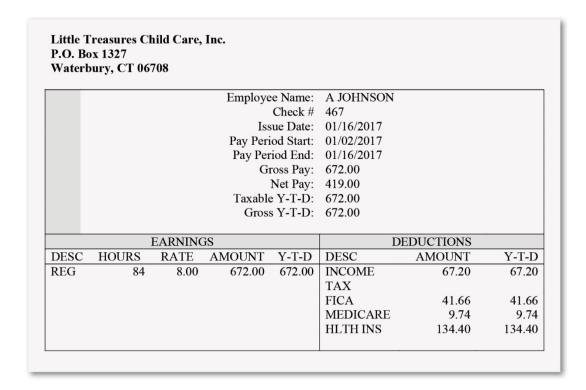
PAY TO THE ORDER OF
A JOHNSON
\$ 419.00

Four Hundred Nineteen Dollars and No Cents

MEMO 84 hrs 1<sup>st</sup> pd

Mary Lambertson

#### **Alexandria's Paycheck Stub**





#### **Smartphone tip:**

If your paycheck is direct-deposited into the bank, you may be able to get this information on your phone.

# How can she put her money in the bank?

Her employer may send it to the bank electronically.

She can make a deposit at the ATM.

She can visit a teller at the bank.



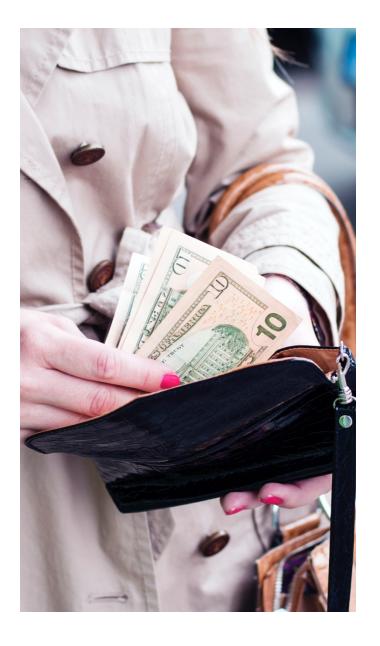
#### **Smartphone tip:**

At some banks you can deposit a check using your phone to take a picture of the check.



#### What should she NOT do?

She <u>should not</u> take it all in cash because it might get lost or stolen.



## If you don't understand

If you don't understand your paycheck, get help:

- Your employer may have a counselor who can help.
- You may have a caregiver.



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#### **Questions?**

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