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With **beakman & jax**

Google: "The Little Prince" (use quotes)

Dear Beakman,

Can't you just print money on a computer?

Stacey (with an E)  
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Questions, name & address

# How Many Hamiltons?

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Trusting grown-up with a US \$10 bill - clear tape - dropper or bobbi pin

**WHAT TO DO:**

Look at the bill and see how many pictures of Alexander Hamilton you see. Then work to find all three. This is part of how paper money is hard to copy. Put a small piece of tape on the back of the bill and plunk 1 drop of water on top of the middle of the building's front stairs. You'll see this statue of Hamilton. You can look through the microscope at school at other parts of money – most of it designed to stop you from making a good copy of the paper.



Dear Stacey (with an E),

First of all, I should mention that money is a big bother. And that, while you might be able to copy money, you can't copy what money really is.

Money is really just a promise governments or banks make to people. The promise is that these fabulous-looking pieces of paper are worth something. Some day.

*Beakman*  
Beakman Place

The area in the circle on this Canadian promise is the word *Canada*, printed tiny over and over again.

This is an old 10 Gulden promise from the Netherlands. Hold it up to the light and you see poems, stars and The Little Prince.

This 100,000 Dong promise from Vietnam features a yin-yang – symbol of balance. Held up to the light, the yin-yang turns colors.

This is a promise from the international continent around the South Pole – Antarctica. It's full of scientific graphs and satellite pictures.



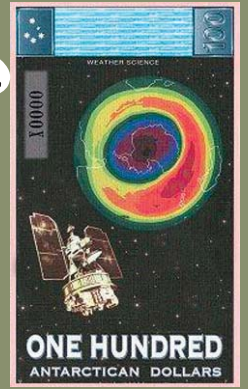
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