



## CANDY CANE CHALLENGE!

Over 100 years ago, Bob McCormack in Georgia began selling candy canes for Christmas. His brother-in-law Gregory Keller built a machine to twist and bend them — turning a small family idea into a sweet success that spread worldwide!

Guess the answers below — who can get the closest?

How many candy canes do you think are made around the world each year? \_\_\_\_\_

How much money do people spend on candy canes worldwide each year (in U.S. dollars)? \_\_\_\_\_

## SANTA'S HELPERS:

In the United States we use dollars, but in Japan they use yen, and in Europe they use euros. Each country's currency has its own look and value, but all of them help people buy and sell things where they live.

This Christmas, there are so many nice kids that Santa's elves can't make all the toys in time! Santa has to send them around the world to buy gifts instead — but that means using different currencies everywhere they go.

**Can you help the elves figure out what money they'll need and how much things cost in U.S. dollars (\$)?**

### Example: How to Solve

#### Example Question:

In Australia, elves buy toy stuffed koalas for **10 Australian dollars each**. If 1 Australian dollar = **\$0.65**, how much is one toy in U.S. dollars?



$$10 \times 0.65 = \$6.50$$



Answer: \$6.50

## Your Turn:



JAPAN

Toy robots cost **500 yen each**.  
If 100 yen = **\$0.65**, how much is one robot?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



FRANCE

Art sets cost **15 euros each**.  
If 1 euro = **\$1.10**, how much is one art set?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



ENGLAND

Soccer balls cost **10 pounds each**.  
If 1 pound = **\$1.25**, how much is one soccer ball?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



## DONATE

**There are kids around the world—and close to home—who could use your help. Is there something you can donate to make the holiday season special for someone else?**

### Pick a way to give:

- ☐ Donating a new toy I already have
- ☐ Buying a new toy
- ☐ Donating time/help

### Where to give:

- ☐ School Drive
- ☐ Faith Community
- ☐ Hospital
- ☐ Shelter
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write one thing you'd like to do to help another child:**

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### Plan the drop-off:

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_



MEXICO

A Piñata cost **200 pesos**.  
If 20 pesos = **\$1**, how much is one piñata?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



United States

Sleds cost **\$25 each**.  
If Santa buys 3 sleds, how much will he spend?



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



### Bonus Question (Multiple Choice):

Why can't Santa just use dollars everywhere he goes?

- A. Other countries don't like dollars
- B. Each country has its own currency
- C. Dollars are only for Christmas
- D. Elves don't use money

Santa's Helpers Answers \$3.25, 2. \$16.50, 3. \$12.50, 4. \$10.00, 5. \$75, 6. B. Each country has its own currency

Candy Cane Challenge — Answers  
1. 7 BILLION candy canes are made and sold • \$2.75B is spent on candy canes

