# Attributes of Money

Money can be defined as “anything generally accepted in exchange for goods and services.” Throughout history and in literature, different items have been regarded as money. Complete the table below.

Write the answer YES, NO or UNKNOWN in the squares if you think the currency listed meets the listed attributes.

**Defined**– Has a society agreed to use this item as money?

**Portable**– Can the money be easily used and transported from place to place?

**Durable** – Is the money strong? Will it last a long time?

**Divisible** – Can the money be divided into smaller parts or do units exist?

**Distinctive** – Is the money relatively rare? Would it be difficult to reproduce it?

CURRENCY Defined Portable Durable Divisible Distinctive

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| Buck Skins Native Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tobacco Early Colonist |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trading Cards School Yard |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dollars U.S.A. Currency |  |  |  |  |  |
| Galleons Magical Realm |  |  |  |  |  |

What did you learn about money from this activity?