

## Smart



My dad gave me one dollar bill  
'Cause I'm his smartest son,  
And I swapped it for two shiny quarters  
'Cause two is more than one!

And then I took the quarters  
And traded them to Lou  
For three dimes—I guess he don't know  
That three is more than two!



Just then, along came old blind Bates  
And just 'cause he can't see  
He gave me four nickels for my three dimes,  
And four is more than three!

And I took the nickels to Hiram Coombs  
Down at the seed-feed store,  
And the fool gave me five pennies for them,  
And five is more than four!



And then I went and showed my dad,  
And he got red in the cheeks  
And closed his eyes and shook his head---  
Too proud of me to speak!

--- Shel Silverstein

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### Smart Worksheet

**Directions:** Show the amount of coins that the character gets when he trades his money and add them up.

Poem:	Draw coins and write amount:
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**Answer the questions about the poem:**

1. How did the dad really feel about his son at the end of the poem?
2. Who was the *real* fool in the poem? Why?
3. Why do you think the poem is called Smart?