

# Checks for Charity

## Reading and Writing

# LARGE NUMBERS

NAME: Bella

DATE: April 20, 2023

PAY TO: Sunshine & Joy

\$ 742,039.00

seven hundred forty-two thousand, thirty-nine and 00/100  DOLLARS

FOR: This beautiful day!

SIGNATURE: *Bella Zell*

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Thank you again. All the best,

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# Checks for Charity

This light hearted activity, invites students to use information from larger-than-life scenarios in order to write humongous checks to various charities.

## Learning Goals:

Do your students need to know how to write out checks? Probably not, by the time they grow up even money could be obsolete! What won't go out of style?

- Reading, writing, and understanding large numbers.
- Comparing large numbers.
- Making sense of place value.
- Paying attention to detail.

## Materials:

- One activity packet for each student
- Charity Profile task cards
- Calculators as needed.
- Pencils, erasers, and pens.

## Preparation:

Make sure the numbers used in the activities are at the right level for your students.

Print pages 5-15 on both sides. Staple in upper left corner. Make one packet for each student. Details on page 23.

Cut Charity Profile pages in half to use as task cards. Details on page 16.

Print teacher response notes if using. Details on page 29.

## Time:

Take a class period to introduce your students to this activity. Later, students could work on this activity in their spare time.

Alternatively, it could be adapted for use in a learning station or made into a bulletin board display. Invite your students write cover letters to accompany the check. They could address an envelope to mail the check in or create a stamp that goes with the charity's purpose.

# Checks for Charity

## Reading and Writing

# LARGE NUMBERS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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## My Learning Goals

I want to be able to:

Read and write large amounts in numbers.

Read and write large amounts in words.

Be able to compare large numbers.

Explain how place value works.

Explain how to write checks.

## Checks for Charity

Ever wanted to print your own money? Well, here's your chance ~ sort of. Writing a check is kind of like printing your own money.

Basically, you put your money into a bank or credit union account. The bank will send you official checks along with a register to track your spending. You can use the checks to pay people or organizations from your account.

## Imagine

Picture your grown-up self as a trillion billionaire! Of course, you want to help save the world, but sadly, you are too busy to actually do it yourself. So, you decide to share some of your wealth with charitable organizations that have been set up to do good things.

1. Read the Charity Profile from the task card.
2. Decide which project to support based on the instructions.
3. Use the Charity Profile number to locate the correct check on the Answer Sheet.
4. Write a check to help with the project mentioned in the instructions.
5. Reflect. Reread. Review.

WOW! It feels so good to help the world, why not write a check to another charity?

## List of Charities

Amazing Archeology

Dynamic Deserts

Fantastic Fish

Geology Rocks

Phenomenal Pollinators

Sensational Stargazing

Ancient Books Council

Fabulous Freshwater

Forests forever

Incredible Insects

Pristine Prairies

Wonderful Wetlands

## Practice Example:

### Charity Profile Example: Earthworms and Ecosystems

Earthworms are simple creatures that can help ~ or harm ~ an ecosystem. Some worms can: live underwater, jump (sort of), be used as bait, and engineer ecosystems.

Here are some video projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

#### Worms and Rain

Find out what is really going on when earthworms emerge after rain. Hint: not what you think!

\$8,376.44

#### What's a Worm?

Scientists have counted about 7,000 species of earthworms! Find out what they have in common.

\$86,000.00

#### Native or Invasive?

Are earthworms good for the environment? Depends, are they where they should be?

\$523,842.88

Earthworms and Ecosystems is a not-for-profit organization which creates educational materials about earthworms and how they help ~ or harm ~ various ecosystems.

### Instructions:

Write a check to support the project that has an eight in the thousands place.

## Charity Profile Example

NAME: _____	DATE: _____		
PAY TO: _____	\$ _____		
_____ DOLLARS			
FOR: _____	SIGNATURE: _____		
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## Detailed Directions

**1. Read the Charity Profile.** You will need to know the **Charity Profile number**, the **Name of the Charity**, the **name of the Project** that satisfies the clue in the instructions, and the **amount of the suggested donation** for that project. You will also need to know how to write a check.

### Charity Profile (number): Name of Charity

The first few sentences generate interest in the charity.

Introduction to the projects in need of support and a suggested donation amount.

Title of Project 1

Explanation of  
the project

Suggested amount

Title of Project 2

Explanation of  
the project

Suggested amount

Title of Project 3

Explanation of  
the project

Suggested amount

The final paragraph lists the goals of the charity.

**2. Decide** which project to support based on the instructions.

The instructions contain a clue to one ~ and only one ~ of the projects.

**3. Locate the correct check** on the Answer Sheet according to the Charity's profile number. Then, write the check to help with the project mentioned in the instructions.

**4. Reflect.** Reread the instructions. Does the project fit the description in the instructions? Review the information written on the check and update as needed.

# Writing Checks for Charity

When you write a check ~ it must be filled out correctly or the bank will not cash it.

NAME: Write your name here. _____		DATE: Write today's date on the check. _____	
PAY TO: Write the name of the person or organization that will cash the check. Make sure the spelling is right or else! _____		Write the value of the check in numbers. \$ _____	
Use this space to write the amount. This is the number that will be used to cash the check, even if the quantity above doesn't match. _____ DOLLARS			
FOR: Write the purpose of the check. _____		SIGNATURE: Like fingerprints, your signature is unique. It's your stamp of approval. It guarantees payment. _____	
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Bank ID number	Account ID number	Check ID number	

## Watch Out

To prevent anyone else from taking money out of your account make sure to:

- Keep your checks in a safe place.
- Use black or blue ink pens to complete checks. Write neatly.
- Write the amount as close as possible to the dollar sign. This way no one can add digits to the left of your numbers.
- Use the entire line when writing the amount in words. Fill any empty space with a flourish or a dash to keep others from trying to change the amount.
- Thank store clerks who ask to see your ID cards when paying by check. They are making sure that your money is safe.
- Track your spending. Make sure there is enough money in your account to cover the amount of the checks you write.

# Answer Sheet Charities 1-3

## Charity Profile 1

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 2

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 3

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Answer Sheet Charities 4-6

## Charity Profile 4

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 5

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 6

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Answer Sheet Charities 7-9

## Charity Profile 7

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 8

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 9

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Answer Sheet Charities 10-12

## Charity Profile 10

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 11

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Charity Profile 12

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Create Your Own Charity: Profile/Assignment/Answer Key

## Charity Profile:

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## Instructions:

## Charity Profile:

NAME: _____	DATE: _____		
PAY TO: _____	\$ _____		
_____	DOLLARS		
FOR: _____	SIGNATURE: _____		
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## **Charity Profile Task Cards**

There are twelve Charity Profiles not including the Earthworms and Ecosystem example.

Depending on the size of your math class, make two or three single sided copies of the Charity Profiles on pages 17 to 22.

Cut each page in half, trim as needed, and then glue to construction paper or card stock. Laminate for extended use.

Collect task cards in a central location where students can pick them up and drop them off as needed to complete their activity packets.



## Charity Profile 1 : **Amazing Archeology**

Dedicated to preserving amazing archaeological sites around the world.  
Saving the past for future generations.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<b>Dig at Ephesus</b> Visit Türkiye and help with an archaeological dig.  \$8,393.44	<b>Göbekli Tepe</b> Help preserve the newest old site; before Stonehenge or the Egyptian pyramids.  \$6,933.00	<b>Chichén Itzá</b> Learn about this amazing Mayan city and the Temple of Kukulcan.  \$1,000.00
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Amazing Archeology is a not-for-profit organization which educates students about the past and helps preserve archaeological sites around the world. Thank you for your support!

**Instructions:** Write a check to help support the project that has an odd number as the suggested donation. When divided by two, an odd number will have a remainder of one.

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## Charity Profile 2 : **Ancient Books Council**

Archaic books and book making skills link us all to our historical past. They not only keep history alive but connect us with the lives of our ancestors.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<b>ILLUMINATED LETTERS</b> GRAB YOUR GOLD LEAF, PAINTS AND PAPER ~ CREATE STUNNING UNIQUE LETTERS  \$75,000.00	<b>CALLIGRAPHY</b> STUDY THE ANCIENT ART OF BEAUTIFUL LETTERING  \$7,500.00	<b>HISTORY OF BOOKS</b> COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE TRACING THE HISTORY OF BOOKS  \$750,000.00
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The Ancient Books Council is a not-for-profit organization created to fund restoration of old books and scrolls for the benefit of future generations. We also teach historically accurate methods of book making, binding, illustrating, printing to preserve these treasured skills forever. Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the most expensive project.

## Charity Profile 3 : Dynamic Deserts

Do you picture a desert as a large expanse of equatorial sand devoid of flora or fauna? Fair enough, but not always. There are many different kinds of deserts, teeming with plants and animals if you know where ~ and when ~ to look.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

World's Largest Desert Informative field trip for six. Visit Antarctica ~ polar desert.  \$100,456,700.00	Rain Shadow Deserts Mountains, winds, clouds and deserts ~ how are they connected?  \$84,000.00	Living in the Dry Lands Experience first hand look at flora and fauna of deserts.  \$53,000,000.00
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Dynamic Deserts is a not-for-profit organization focused on educating people about deserts and preserving desert habitats for generations to come.

**Instructions:** Write a check to help pay for the project which has an odd number in the ten thousand's place.

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## Charity Profile 4 : Fabulous Freshwater

What does every single living thing on earth depend on for survival? Hint 1: the only material that all three states of matter occur naturally on our planet. Hint 2: There isn't that much of it. Hint 3: We are running out of it.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

Protecting Watersheds Clean drainage basins are the key to maintaining sustainable sources of fresh water.  \$567,000.00	Threats to Freshwater What causes water scarcity? Research into the best water conservation ideas.  \$29,800.45	Potable Water for All How can we make sure everyone has clean drinking water?  \$79,531.00
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Fabulous Freshwater is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting sustainable and equitable access to potable water for people and ecosystems. Fabulous Freshwater also supports educational projects to teach people about freshwater threats. Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the project that has a five in the hundred's place.

## Charity Profile 5 : Fantastic Fish

Teaching children all about fish is our one and only goal!

So many youngsters grow up without seeing fish in their natural habitats. Most kids don't know that coral reefs where fishes live are in danger. We want every child in the world to know and care about fish.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<p><b>Visit the Fish:</b> Groups of city kids spend a week in Hawaii visiting coral reefs and fish. \$75,350.00</p>
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<p><b>Coral Reef Danger:</b> Research into best ways to help coral reefs survive. \$38,664.33</p>
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<p><b>Favorite Fish:</b> Children around the world color pictures of their favorite fish &amp; win great prizes! \$3,790.00</p>
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Fantastic Fish is a nonprofit organization created to educate children about fish.  
Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Support the project that has a three in the thousand's place.

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## Charity Profile 6 : Forests Forever

A forest is much more than a collection of trees. The diversity of the plants and animals in each forest is incredible. We need the forests just as much as the flora and fauna do. Sadly, every year we lose valuable forest lands to deforestation and forest degradation.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<p><b>Types of Forests</b> Informative website dedicated to teaching about forests. \$95,000.00</p>
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<p><b>Buying Forests</b> This project buys forests and woodlands in order to protect them. \$950,000.00</p>
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<p><b>Forest Dwellers</b> Catalog of every plant and animal living in a forest and their unique needs. \$9,500.00</p>
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Forests Forever is a nonprofit organization created to fund education and sustainable forestry practices. Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the least expensive project.

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## Charity Profile 7 : *Geology Rocks!*

Would you recognize a diamond in the rough? Can rocks Melt? Really? When? Ever been spelunking? (Yes, it's a thing.) How many kinds of rock can you identify?

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<p><b>Cool Caves</b> Summer adventure taking students camping and touring local caves. \$132,450.00</p>
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<p><b>Generous Geodes</b> This project plans to mail every class of students their own geode to open. \$2,400,350.00</p>
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<p><b>The Scoop on Coal</b> Information about coal mining and how electricity is generated by coal. \$94,870.86</p>
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*Geology Rocks* is an educational not-for-profit organization.  
We teach children about rocks and minerals.

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the project that has a four in the hundred thousand's place.

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## Charity Profile 8 : *Incredible Insects*

Why is the decline in the number of insects bad for people?  
Well, for one thing, we can't live without them.

Here are projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<p><b>What's an Insect?</b> This project will send model insects to every school in the world. \$5,840.78</p>
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<p><b>Threats to Insects</b> Research into how to keep insects safe. \$7,000.00</p>
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<p><b>Impact of Insect Decline</b> Website explaining how declining numbers of insects can harm us. \$60,421.00</p>
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*Incredible Insects* is a not-for-profit organization that educates people about insects, their habitats, and how they help us.

**Instructions:** Support the project that has an even number for a suggested donation.  
An even number is divisible by two with no remainder.

## Charity Profile 9 : Phenomenal Pollinators

Bees, birds, moths, bats, and butterflies keep our planet healthy and our food growing. Now their habitats and health are declining. Pollinators need your help!

Here are the research projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

**Data Collection:**  
What are the harms of transporting bee colonies cross-country?  
\$833,640.00

**Experimental Trials:**  
What are the benefits of providing a variety of food sources for pollinators?  
\$535,788.00

**Research Review:**  
What are the reasons for colony collapse in bees?  
\$5,699.99

Phenomenal Pollinators is a not-for-profit organization that was created to fund research into the best ways to help keep pollinators healthy and happy. Thank you!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the project in which the value of the ten thousand's place is exactly ten times the value of the thousand's place.

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## Charity Profile 10 : Pristine Prairies

Like all grasslands, pampas, this and that, prairies make great farmland. However, in their natural state, prairies ensure against soil erosion, regulate flooding and .....are home to asdfkj

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

**Types of Roots**  
Compares types of roots, focusing on tap roots of native prairie plants.  
\$86,832.00

**Reclaiming Prairies**  
Protects prairie land from farming, development, or invasive flora or fauna.  
\$165,589.00

**Prairie Plants**  
Informative video about plants native to prairies and their unique qualities.  
\$26,772.00

Precious Prairies is a not-for-profit organization created to educate people about prairies and help reclaim prairie land for the benefit of future generations. Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the project in which the value of the thousand's place is exactly ten times the value of the hundred's place

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## Charity Profile 11 : Sensational Stargazing

Where is the best place to view stars? The night sky, of course! But not just any night sky will do. Too often the sky is full of light pollution, clouds, or smog.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<b>Lunar Dark Sky Park</b> Planning hotels, shuttles, and the ultimate stargazing experience on the moon. \$100,000,000.00	<b>Seasonal Stargazing</b> Website dedicated to help stargazers find the best locations near them. \$5,000.00	<b>Stargazing Tips</b> Information for families who want to get to know the night sky. \$2,197.00
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**Sensational Stargazing** is a not-for-profit organization that researches best practices and helps fund Dark Sky Projects in order to give everyone the gift of stargazing.

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the most out-of-this-world project.

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## Charity Profile 12 : Wonderful Wetlands

Swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens are examples of wetlands. Wetlands are home to multitudinous kinds of plants and animals. They naturally filter and clean fresh water, help control soil erosion, help keep seasonal flooding to a moderate level, and are an abundant source of natural foods such as cranberries, blueberries, fish, and wild rice.

Here are the projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<b>Survey of Threats to Wetlands</b> Extensive review of current research into threats that damage wetlands and sustainable responses. \$724,185.82	<b>Wetland Flora</b> Educational excursions to visit plants living in wetland habitats. \$40,000.00	<b>Wetland Fauna</b> Educational materials about the animals living in wetland habitats. \$8,525.92
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Wonderful Wetlands is a nonprofit organization that funds education about wetlands as well as research and projects to manage wetlands using sustainable practices. Thank you for your help!

**Instructions:** Write a check to support the project which has an even number in the hundred's place.

# Teaching Tips and Answer Key

## Getting started

As soon as your students receive their activity packet, have them decorate and write their name on the cover.

Read and discuss the instructions together as a class. Show students how to use the information provided to complete the activities successfully.

## Review Place Value as Needed

IF your students need a review of reading or writing large numbers print out pages 36 and 37 back to back. Discuss how place value works using page 36. Have students highlight the words and numbers with the same amounts. On page 37, dictate some large numbers while your class writes them in numbers, modified extended form, and words. Check and discuss as a class.

## Monitor Student Progress

After your students have completed the Earthworm and Ecosystems example, check over their work to make sure they are on the right track.

If this activity is challenging for students, check their work frequently until they are able to work independently. Use Teacher Reply Notes to check off the kind of errors made or to indicate what needs to be fixed.

## Check and Score Work

Check your students' work regularly, using the following pages.

## Use Teacher Reply Notes if Wanted

Starting on page 29, there are prepared copies of Teacher Reply Notes that can be copied and completed to respond to student work. There is a note for successful completion of each task card and another to use if the card was not completed successfully.

# What To Do: ANSWER KEY

## 1. Read the Charity Profile.

**Charity Profile Example: Earthworms and Ecosystems**

Earthworms are simple creatures that can help ~ or harm ~ an ecosystem. Some worms can: live underwater, jump (sort of), be used as bait, and engineer ecosystems.

Here are some video projects that need support and a suggested donation amount:

<p><b>Worms and Rain</b></p> <p>Find out what is really going on when earthworms emerge after rain. Hint: not what you think!</p> <p><b>\$8,376.44</b></p>	<p><b>What's a Worm?</b></p> <p>Scientists have counted about 7,000 species of earthworms! Find out what they have in common.</p> <p><b>\$86,000.00</b></p>	<p><b>Native or Invasive?</b></p> <p>Are earthworms good for the environment? Depends, are they where they should be?</p> <p><b>\$523,842.88</b></p>
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Earthworms and Ecosystems is a not-for-profit organization which creates educational materials about earthworms and how they help ~ or harm ~ various ecosystems.

## 2. Decide which project to support based on the instructions.

**Instructions:**  
Write a check to support the project that has an eight in the thousands place.

## 3. Locate the correct check on the Answer Sheet according to the Charity's profile number. Then, write the check to help with the project mentioned in the instructions.

**Charity Profile Example**

NAME: <u>Print your name.</u>	DATE: <u>Print the date.</u>		
PAY TO: <u>Earthworms and Ecosystems</u>	<u>\$8,376.44</u>		
<u>eight thousand, three hundred seventy-six and 44/100</u> DOLLARS			
FOR: <u>Worms and Rain Project</u>	SIGNATURE: <u>Sign your name.</u>		
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## 4. Reflect. Reread the instructions. Does the project fit the description in the instructions? Review the information written on the check and update as needed.




# Answer Key Charities 1-3

## Charity Profile 1

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Amazing Archeology \$6,933.00

six thousand, nine hundred thirty-three and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Göbekli Tepe SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 2

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Ancient Books Council \$750,000.00

seven hundred fifty thousand, and 00/100  DOLLARS

FOR: History of Books SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 3

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Dynamic Deserts \$100,456,700.00

one hundred million, four hundred fifty-six thousand, seven hundred and 00/100 DOLLARS

FOR: World's Largest Desert SIGNATURE: varies

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# Answer Key Charities 4-6

## Charity Profile 4

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Fabulous Freshwater \$ 79,531.00

seventy-nine thousand, five hundred thirty-one and 00/100 DOLLARS


FOR: Potable Water for All SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 5

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Fantastic Fish \$ 3,790.00

three thousand, seven hundred ninety and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Favorite Fish SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 6

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Forests Forever \$ 9,500.00

nine thousand, five hundred and 00/100  DOLLARS

FOR: Forest Dwellers SIGNATURE: varies


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# Answer Key Charities 7-9

## Charity Profile 7

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Geology Rocks! \$2,400,350.00

two million, four hundred thousand, three hundred fifty and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Generous Geodes SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 8

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Incredible Insects \$7,000.00

seven thousand and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Threats to Insects SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 9

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Phenomenal Pollinators \$ 833,640.00

eight hundred thirty-three thousand, six hundred forty and 00/100  DOLLARS

FOR: Data Collection SIGNATURE: varies


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# Answer Key Charities 10 - 12

## Charity Profile 10

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Pristine Prairies \$165,589.00

one hundred sixty-five thousand, five hundred eighty-nine and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Reclaiming Prairies SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 11

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Sensational Stargazing \$100,000,000.00

one hundred million and 00/100  DOLLARS


FOR: Lunar Dark Sky Park SIGNATURE: varies

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## Charity Profile 12

NAME: varies DATE: varies

PAY TO: Wonderful Wetlands \$40,000.00

forty thousand and 00/100  DOLLARS

FOR: Wetland Flora SIGNATURE: varies

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Even though the Charity Profiles are not based on actual charities, many of the issues are real.

## Teacher Reply Notes

Keeping the light-hearted tone, here are notes that you might want to copy and send to your students as part of the Checks for Charity activities.

### Tips and Ideas:

- Sign the notes before making copies.
- Print single sided on colorful paper.
- Use the space at the bottom to add a personal note.
- Add the date in the top right corner to look more official.
- Enlarge the notes to make more of an impact.

Dear

On behalf of **Amazing Archeology** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to preserve Göbekli Tepe.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help preserve archaeological sites around the world.

Well done! Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Amazing Archeology** to let you know that - while we appreciate your attempt to support us - we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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- Check filled out incorrectly

Sincerely,

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Dear

On behalf of **The Ancient Book Council**, I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support:

**The History of Books.**

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help save books and scrolls for future generations.

Well done. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

On behalf of **The Ancient Book Council**, I am writing to let you know ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of Dynamic Deserts I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support:

World's Largest Desert

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help educate people about the polar desert on Antarctica.

Well done, Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

On behalf of Dynamic Deserts I'm writing to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of Fabulous Freshwater I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support Potable Water For All.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help support access to potable water for people around the world.

Great work! Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of Fabulous Freshwater to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s) :

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Dear

On behalf of **Fantastic Fish** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support

**Favorite Fish!**

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help educate children about fish.

Great work. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Fantastic Fish** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of **Forests Forever** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support Forest Dwellers.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help fund sustainable forestry practices.

Well done. Thank you again.

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Forests Forever** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of **Geology ROCKS!** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support **Generous Geodes**.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help mail geodes to every science class in the world. If you would send an additional \$10,000.00 we could include a hammer to open the geodes with in the box.

Great job! Thanks again!

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Geology Rocks!** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of Incredible Insects I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support research into threats to insects.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help educate people about insects and their habitats.

Well done! Thank you again!

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of Incredible Insects to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of Phenomenal Pollinators I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support:

Data Collection about the harms of transporting bees.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help us find the best ways to help keep pollinators happy and healthy.

Well done. Thank you again!  
Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of Phenomenal Pollinators to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of **Pristine Prairies** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support Reclaiming Prairies.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help save prairie lands for future generations.

Well done. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Pristine Prairies** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Sincerely,

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Dear

On behalf of **Sensational Stargazing** I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support the **Lunar Dark Sky Park**.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help give everyone the gift of stargazing ~ on the dark side of the moon!

Well Done. Thank you again,

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Dear

I am writing from **Sensational Stargazing** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Dear

On behalf of **Wonderful Wetlands**, I would like to thank you for writing such a generous check to support **Wetland Flora**.

This is not only the correct answer for the assignment, but will also help educate future generations about the plants that live in wetland habitats.

Well done. Thank you again,

Sincerely,

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Dear

I am writing on behalf of **Wonderful Wetlands** to let you know that ~ while we appreciate your attempt to support us ~ we cannot use this check for the following reason(s):

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Sincerely,

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# Reading and Writing Large Numbers

name: \_\_\_\_\_

1,000,000's Place	100,000's Place	10,000's Place	1,000's Place	100's Place	10's Place	Unit's Place
6,	2	5	1,	7	2	9
$\begin{array}{r} 1,000,000 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 6,000,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100,000 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 200,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 50,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ \times 1 \\ \hline 1,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 700 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 20 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \times 9 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$
six million, two hundred fifty-one thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine						
1,	7	4	3,	8	0	5
$\begin{array}{r} 1,000,000 \\ \times 1 \\ \hline 1,000,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100,000 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 700,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 40,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 3,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 800 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 0 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 5 \end{array}$
one million, seven hundred forty-three thousand, eight hundred and five						
3,	0	1	6,	4	7	8
$\begin{array}{r} 1,000,000 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 3,000,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100,000 \\ \times 0 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ \times 1 \\ \hline 10,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1,000 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 6,000 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ \times 4 \\ \hline 400 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 70 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \times 8 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$
three million, sixteen thousand, four hundred and seventy-eight						

# Reading and Writing Large Numbers

1,000,000's Place	100,000's Place	10,000's Place	1,000's Place	100's Place	10's Place	Unit's Place
1,000,000 <u>    x</u>	100,000 <u>    x</u>	10,000 <u>    x</u>	1,000 <u>    x</u>	100 <u>    x</u>	10 <u>    x</u>	1 <u>    x</u>
1,000,000 <u>    x</u>	100,000 <u>    x</u>	10,000 <u>    x</u>	1,000 <u>    x</u>	100 <u>    x</u>	10 <u>    x</u>	1 <u>    x</u>
1,000,000 <u>    x</u>	100,000 <u>    x</u>	10,000 <u>    x</u>	1,000 <u>    x</u>	100 <u>    x</u>	10 <u>    x</u>	1 <u>    x</u>

Additional Checks

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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