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Date _____



Taxes

What is a tax?

Come and riddle me that.

It's the money that we pay to the government

To pay for roads, street lights and bridges,

The police, the military—it takes a village.

From the president's paycheck to public assistance,

These things all add to our daily existence.

The government collects money for things that they do,

They collect funds by taxing revenue.

They take a percentage from everyone's paycheck,

And this is what is called income tax.

From the railroad tracks to airports where we fly,

Taxes pay for these things, and the government provides.

The IRS is the one who collects,

So do not neglect to keep your taxes in check.

If you file them properly, you'll have no regrets,

Keep on getting to the bag, and keep on cashing them checks.

We pay our taxes for things that seem free,

Like national parks and playgrounds for you and me.

NASA, the president and the police are why we pay,

Yeah, these things are not free, it just seems that way.

To keep our country so great,

We all chip in and cooperate.

So please pay your taxes, and don't forget,

Play your part, you don't want it with the IRS.

Yeah, you still gotta do it,
Better pay them taxes, or you will face the music.
But let's talk about sales tax,
That's the change added on to your purchases and snacks.
Even if it only costs a dollar,
When they add the tax, it's 1.09, and you nearly hollered.
But you still gotta pay it,
Property taxes are still on the way.
And when you grow up and own a house someday,
Or an apartment, and depending where you stay,
The taxes go up and down.
So research and look around,
And make sure your budget covers all the taxes in your town.

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