

# Bartering

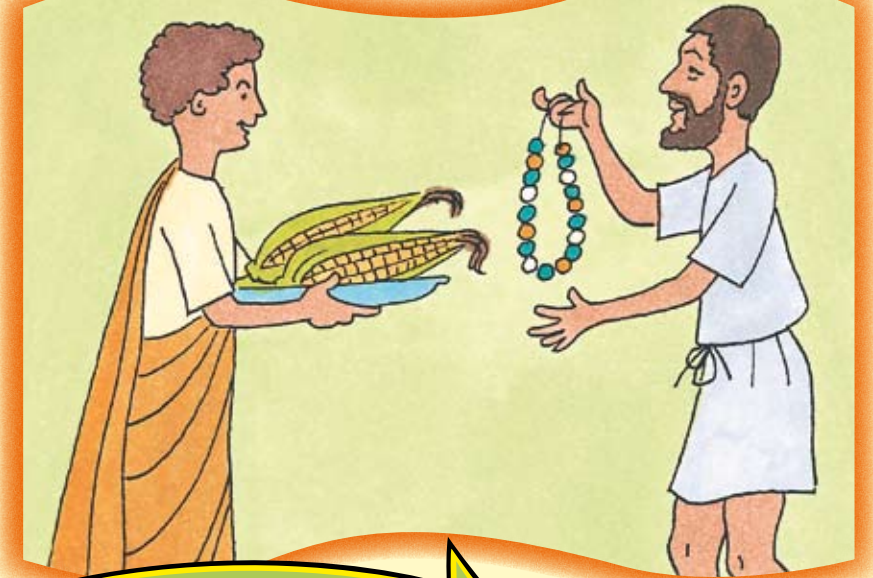
People first traded by **bartering**. Bartering is where goods and services are swapped with each other. No money is used in bartering.



These women are bartering salt for corn in Peru.

## A Closer Look

I have corn but want beads. You have beads but want corn. We could barter corn for beads. People have bartered for thousands of years. And they still do it today.



### LET'S EXPLORE MATH

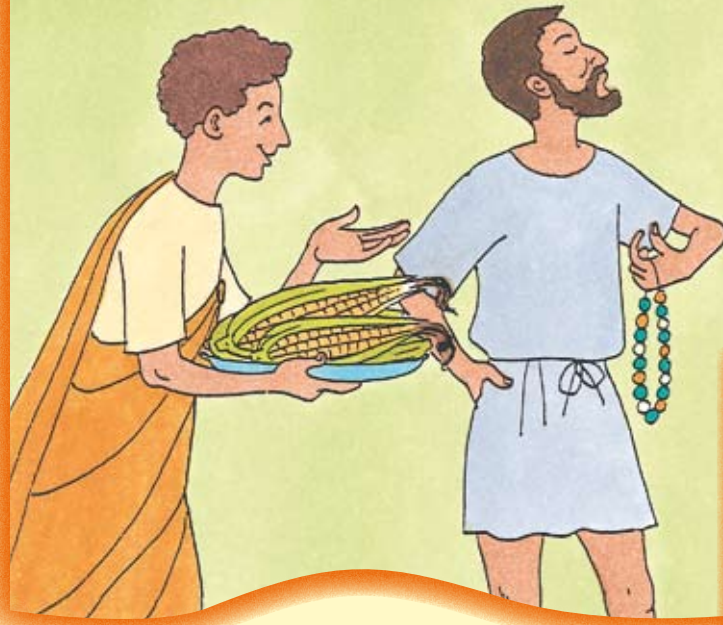
Julia bartered 3 corncobs for 1 string of beads.

a. Draw the table below and continue the pattern.

Number of strings of beads	1	2	3	4	5	6
Number of corncobs	3	6	9			

b. How many corncobs does Julia need to barter for 6 strings of beads?

Bartering takes a lot of work. First, you have to **bargain**. You have to agree what things are worth. How much corn should I trade for beads?



Then I could give her my corn. She could give you her milk. You could give me your beads. It's all very tricky!

Second, what if I want your beads but you don't want my corn? We'd have to find someone else who wants corn. She would need to have something that you want—like milk.

