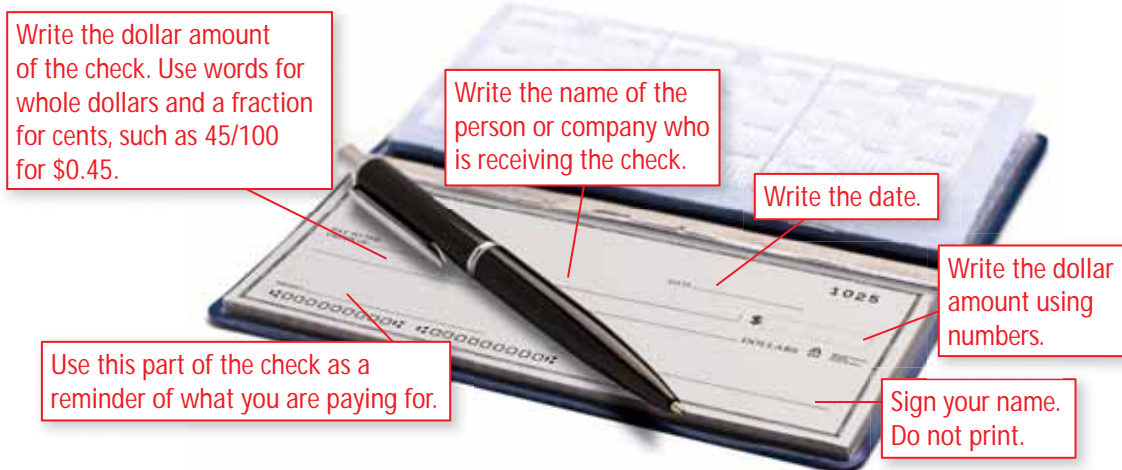


### Writing Checks and Balancing a Checkbook

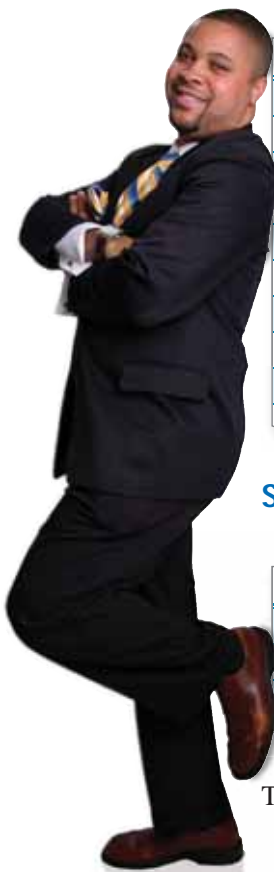
A **check** is a written order directing a bank to pay money. Checks are written on preprinted forms as shown.



Checkbooks come with a registry so that you can keep track of each transaction in your checking account.

#### EXAMPLE 3 Keeping a Checkbook Registry

Find the balance in your checking account as of 5/11/12.



Date	Check #	Transaction	Credit	Debit	Balance
		Balance Forward			100.00
5/11/12	996	Grocery Store		29.55	
5/11/12		Deposit Paycheck	482.75		
5/16/12		ATM Withdrawal		100.00	
5/17/12	997	Gym Membership		22.35	
5/17/12	998	Cell Phone Company		58.00	
5/17/12	999	Car Payment		82.66	
5/18/12		Deposit Paycheck	501.50		
5/18/12	1000	Birthday Gift		41.28	

#### SOLUTION

DATA

Date	Check #	Trans	Credit	Debit	Balance
		Balance Forward			100.00
					$100.00 - 29.55 = \$70.45$
5/11/12	996	Grocery Store		29.55	70.45
					$70.45 + 482.75 = \$553.20$
5/11/12		Deposit Paycheck	482.75		553.20

The balance as of 5/11/12 is \$553.20.

#### ✓ Checkpoint

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Find the balance in your checking account as of 5/18/12.