

five hundred biggest companies in America. Buying this one ETF is a lot easier than buying those five hundred stocks individually. Its ticker symbol is SPY.”

“A tickler symbol?” asked Rusty. “You mean like a feather?”

“No, not a tickler symbol. A ticker symbol. It’s the abbreviation for an investment. For example the ticker for Netflix is NFLX. Whole Foods is WFM.”

“What’s a Netflix and Whole Foods?” asked Sandy.

“Oh, they are popular landlubber companies.” Joey grabbed a piece of parchment. “Let’s play a game.”

“Aye!” exclaimed Rusty. “I be likin’ games.”

Joey wrote a random list of ETFs and tickers. “Some ETFs have fun ticker symbols. Here’s a list of them. Try to match the ticker to the ETF. For example, gold is GLD. The person to match the most wins.”



The crew looked over the list.

“Solar energy be TAN!” said Sandy.

“That’s right,” said Joey.

“The food industry be PB and J,” said Rusty as his stomach grumbled.

“Australian companies be K-ROO,” said Sandy.

“Agriculture be MOO!” yelled Rusty.