

# Practical Personal Financial Management





## Importance of money management



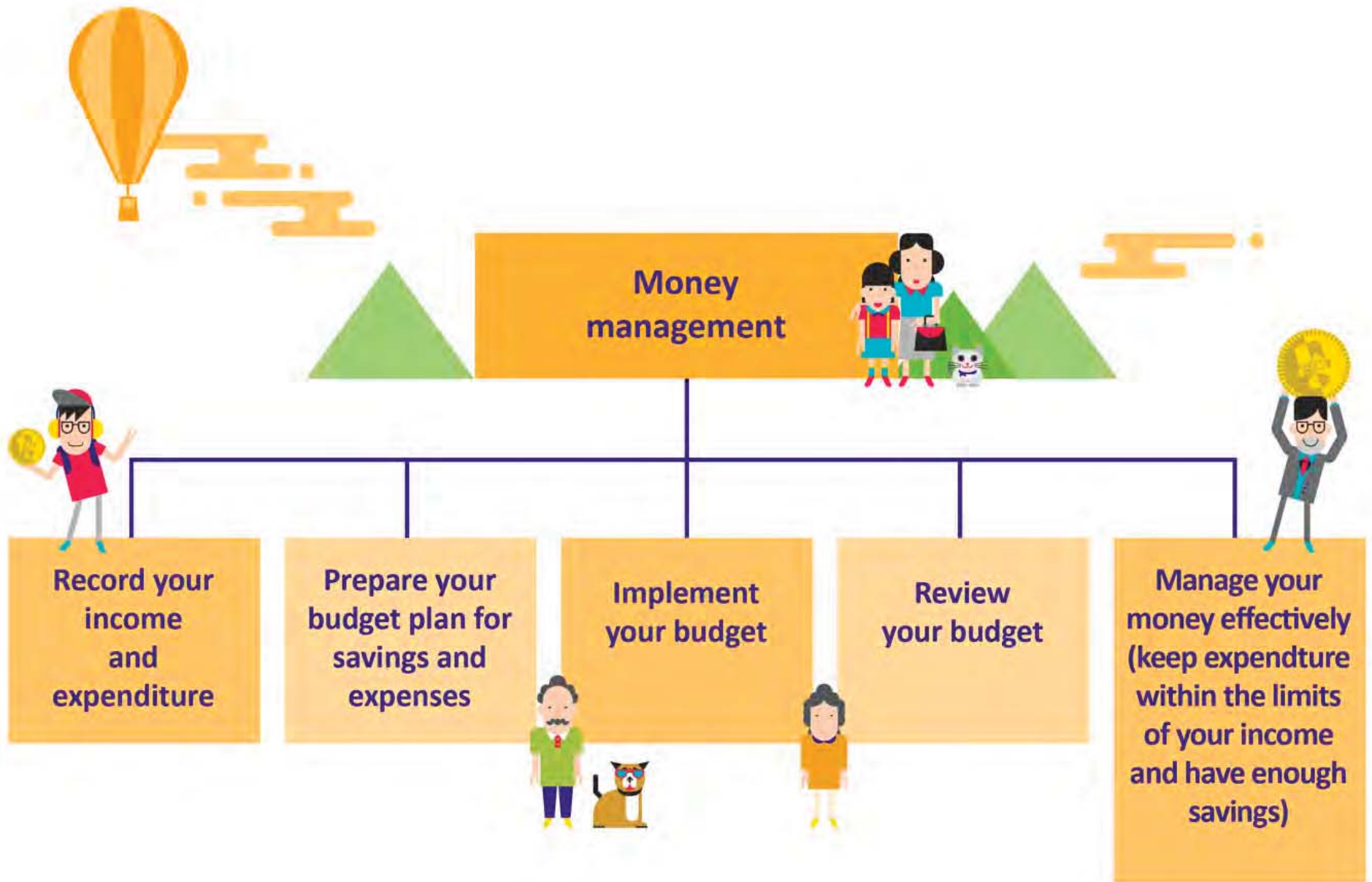
**Important life management skill to make the best use of money**



**Financial independence**



**Fulfillment of goals through the different stages of life**



# Setting financial goals

- Short-term goal (1-3 years)  
(e.g. buy a mobile phone, computer and travelling)
- Medium-term goal (3 to 7 years)  
(e.g. furthering studies, working holiday, marriage, down payment for a flat)
- Long-term goal (more than 7 years)  
(e.g. education fund for your children, retirement arrangements)



How to turn your 'wants' into financials goals?



# Steps of financial planning process





## Responsible borrowing



**What are your purposes of borrowing?**



**How much do you need to borrow?**

**What are the costs of taking out the loan?**



**Will you be able to repay the loan?**

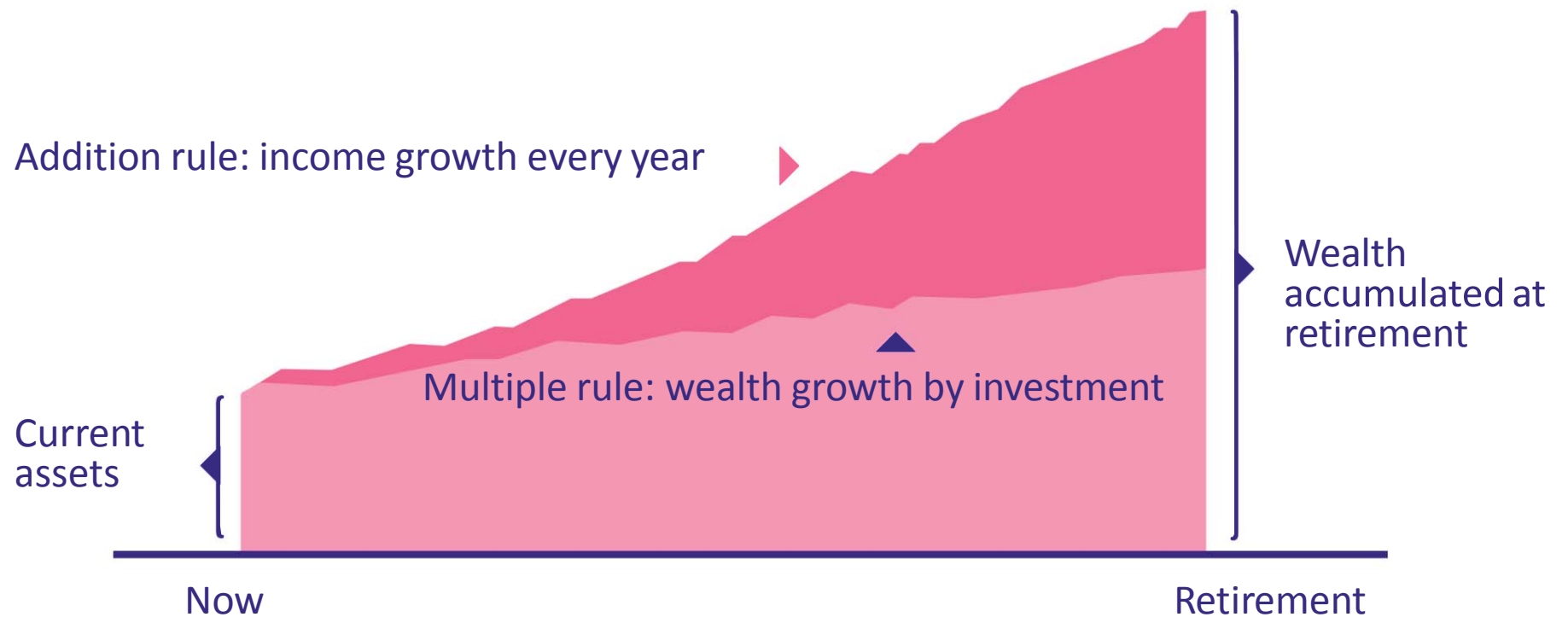


# Should I buy insurance?

- Do you have enough cash reserve?
- Does your employer provide the related insurance?
- Are you the bread winner of the family?
- Can you afford the insurance premium?
- Is your job secure?
- Does the period for insurance contribution suit your financial position?



# Why should I invest?





## 6. The dos and don'ts of investing

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Save a portion of your savings for emergency funds</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pour all of your disposable income into investment</li><li>• Borrow money to invest</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluate your risk tolerance and manage the risks of investing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invest in high risk products that you don't fully understand or are not suitable to your risk tolerance</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use the dollar cost averaging to reduce short-term market fluctuations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage in day trading, which speculates on the timing of stocks and has high investment risk</li></ul>