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Money activities

Fun days out

Use planning a day out at a funfair, museum, beach or park as an opportunity to get your kids thinking about money, budgeting and spending.

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Making sense of money

Fun for free



Tell your child in advance that you're going on a free day out to a park or beach, and challenge them to think of things that will make their time more fun. For example, they can dig out their outdoor games to take; devise a treasure hunt for friends and family; or become minibeast wildlife explorers, armed with a magnifying glass, notebook and jam jar (with airholes in the lid!).

Rainy day 'Plan B'



If you're planning a day out that's dependent on good weather, ask your child in advance to help you think of a free 'Plan B' in case of rain. That way, you won't be saddled with an expensive indoor activity at the last minute if the weather forecast isn't good.

Packed lunches

Taking your own sandwiches is a great way to show your child how a bit of planning and effort can save money. Have a discussion with everyone about their favourite fillings, and set a budget to spend on ingredients in the supermarket. Get your child involved in buttering bread, and make sure everyone is excited about what they're going to eat. When you're on your day out, compare the prices of the food for sale with your delicious homemade options.



Budget board

When you're planning a day out, print out the **Budget board** poster (also in



also in **Parents Activities: 5-8s**).

Talk to your child about what sorts of things might be in each of the five categories – travel, tickets, food, souvenirs and entertainment – and then ask them to guess how much you'll spend on each one for your day out. Afterwards, compare their estimates to your actual spending.

Gift shop challenge

Be ready for pleas to buy an expensive item when you exit an attraction via the gift shop. Give your child a set amount of money, for example £2, and ask them to find something within that limit.



Tell a teacher!

Why not get your child's school to sign up to the MoneySense programme online? There is a wealth of resources for teachers to use in the classroom, including workshops, activity sheets, quizzes and videos. All resources are free, impartial and linked to the National Curriculum. The programme has received the Financial Education Quality Mark and is accredited by Young Money.

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