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Money activities

On a long journey

Keep your children amused on long car, train or plane journeys with these games and activities that will teach them about counting and currency in a fun way.

What would you buy?

Get children involved in an imaginative game where they have to say what they'd buy if they had £1. Then ask what they'd buy with £5, £10, £100, £1,000, and so on. (You could use this as an opportunity to correct some of their misconceptions about how much things cost to buy.)



I went to market...

Start the game with the phrase, "I went to market and I bought..." and say something you can buy in the supermarket. The next player says, "I went to market and I bought..." and repeats the first item, plus one of their own. The game continues, with each player adding a new item to the list until someone forgets something.

Coin lookout

Get everyone to look out for the numbers seen on coins – 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 – on road signs, number plates, and petrol stations. Every time someone spots one, they get a point.



Foreign money

If you're travelling to a country with a different currency, get some money in advance, and let your child handle it. What is different about each note or coin? Get your child to arrange the notes or coins in order of value.



Car spotting

On a car journey, each player picks a colour, and adds 10p to their total every time they see a car in their colour (encourage children to go for common colours, such as black, white, grey or silver). At the end of the game, ask them to add up their total.



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 linked to the National Curriculum and accredited by Young Money.

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