



Activity Tips

Grades K-2

ACTIVITY

What is Money?

OVERVIEW

In this activity, participants will practice recognizing, counting, and understanding the value associated with different coins and bills. The examples used vary in complexity, beginning with a simple recognition and continuing through several scenarios of identifying the correct money to use to buy different items.

OBJECTIVES

Participants in this activity will:

- Identify the different coins and bills.
- Practice counting coin and bill combinations
- Apply the value of various money groups when making purchases.

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Collect examples of play money to use as instructional reinforcements when delivering the activity.

DURING THE ACTIVITY

- There are several purchasing scenarios in the activity. Move through the activity cautiously to allow time for participants to understand the value of the various coins and bills and how various combinations can be used to make purchases.
- Using examples of play money, explore the “look and feel” of different denominations of money.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY

- Correctly identifying the different kinds of money and successfully making change are critical life skills. Identify opportunities in the daily environment of the participants to count and make change.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Do not use real money as demonstration examples during the activity.
- Take time to examine the various symbols on the different coins and bills in an age-appropriate manner.