









Sort Your Money

Penny = 1¢	1 Dollar = \$1
Nickel = 5¢	5 Dollars = \$5
Dime = 10¢	10 Dollars = \$10
Quarter = 25¢	

Additional Activities to Try

MORE AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Have your child guess how much you have in total then count up all of your money and talk about how close or far away the guess was.

Start or dump out a coin jar and have your child sort the coins. Discuss each coin's value, name, and potentially an item that it would buy.

Create stacks of different coins to show equivalency, i.e. 10 dimes = \$1, 10 pennies = 1 dime, 5 nickels = 1 quarter.

Talk about where money is made, at the US Mint and how the US stopped making the penny. This is because it is more expensive to make the penny than it is worth, about 5 cents to make and only worth 1 cent! There are still pennies out in the world and you can still use them to pay for things, but there will not be anymore made. Starting in November 2025, the nickel is the smallest valued coin made in the US.

IN THE REAL WORLD

If you have your child buy something, have them use bills and coins to do it. The more children can see, touch, and count money, the more they will understand it as a concept. For this age group, it is best to use tangible currency like cash and coins, instead of digital like cards or phones.

When you are shopping with your child, try to use cash sometimes as well, and talk to them about how much something costs, what you are buying, and which bills and coins you are using to purchase it.

MORE CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Where have you seen our family use coins and bills?
- Do we use mainly coins or bills?
- How else do we pay for things?
- How can we keep our money safe?
- What do we use money for?