



Counting Coins

What's in your Piggy Bank?

Beginner: Talk about the value and (nick)name of each coin.

[Tip]: Talk about the size, shape and picture on each coin.

Intermediate: Make a poster about coins. Try tracing, shading, drawing or using actual coins.

[Tip]: Write the coin name and value. Order coins from most to least valuable.

Experienced: Have conversations about money. Play store. Make change. Add coins.

[Tip]: Count/show how many coins make one dollar. What can you buy for one dollar or one hundred dollars?

Why is this important? Understanding currency denominations (100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 1), and calculating values using combinations helps develop skills in addition, multiplication, proportions, and fluency.

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