



Money Talks

Show Me How Much!

Beginner: When shopping with your child, talk about how much things cost and show them price tags.

[Tip]: Use words like, “buy” and “pay.”

Intermediate: Model how to read prices with dollars and cents.

[Tip]: Show and say the price of an item in a store, flyer or vending machine, and have your child repeat it.

Experienced: When looking at prices, have your child show the amount of dollars and cents with their fingers.

[Tip]: Show \$3.25 by raising 3 fingers for the dollar. Then show \$0.25 by raising 10 fingers twice, followed by 5 fingers.

Why is this important? Learning about money is a real-life way to help children work with numbers.

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