

# Playing with Money

Ten playful ways to introduce money to children



1. Make a pretend shop with sticky note price tags and encourage little ones to play with money by asking them to pay for the items

2. Next time you're out in the shops, point out some of the prices on the items and talk about what the symbols mean

3. Write a shopping list for making fruit smoothies and take it with you to the shops to buy your ingredients

4. Turn an old cardboard box into a cash machine with buttons and pretend screen for lots of pretend play with money

5. Place coins under paper and rub with a crayon on its side, what numbers can your child see?

6. Encourage big kids to explore ways to make 10p using coins 1p, 2p, 5p in lots of different ways

7. Bury coins in sand or mud for little ones to discover and play with, perhaps matching with numbers or values?

8. Set up a pretend bank with money, till and paper slips. Why not visit a bank to show your little one where money comes from?

9. Press coins into lumps of play dough to see the impressions and numbers

10. Turn an old box or tube into a money box to encourage your child to save!



Remember lots of play opportunities are the best ways for young children to learn a new concept like money!

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