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Money activities

In a restaurant

Eating out is a great opportunity to get your children thinking about money in a relaxed and family-friendly environment. Why not try these fun activities?

Noughts and crosses



Draw a noughts and crosses board on a napkin. Split your pocket change into bronze and silver coins, and give one set to each player – they can take turns placing them on the board to try and get three in a row.

Higher/lower

Pick a random coin from your pocket, lay it on the table, and ask your child to guess whether the next one you bring out will be higher or lower. Keep on picking random coins until they guess wrong.



Paying your way

Give your child an amount of money (e.g. a £5 or £10 note) and ask them to pay for their own food and collect the change. This works best in restaurants where you pay at a till. This game builds confidence and helps children appreciate that eating out costs money. Help older children to check the change given.

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Making sense of money



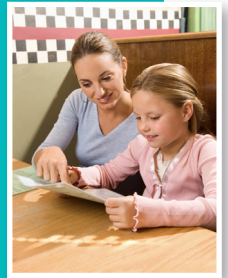
Meal deals

Many restaurants, especially at family attractions, have special children's meal deals. Give your child a pen and a piece of scrap paper, and get them to create a fantasy meal deal – they can draw whatever food they like, and choose an appropriate price for it.

Cheaper choices

Point to something on the menu, and ask your child to find something cheaper in the same section.

Keep going until they have found the cheapest thing on the menu, and can't go any lower. You could then do the same with more expensive items.



Tell a teacher!

Why not get your child's school to sign up to the MoneySense programme online? There is a wealth of resources for teachers to use in the classroom, including workshops, activity sheets, quizzes and videos. All resources are linked to the National Curriculum and accredited by Young Money.

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