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## Money activities

# Rainy days in

Here are some activities you can do when you're stuck indoors. Not only will your children enjoy them, but they'll be learning key money skills at the same time.

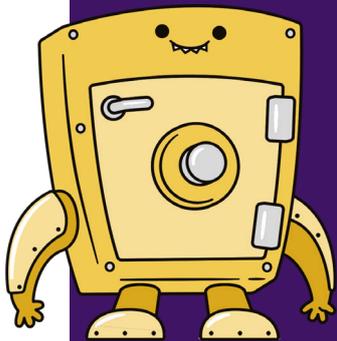
### Money power

If your electricity meter has a dial or gauge, show your child how fast it is moving and then switch on a high-consumption appliance, such as the kettle or tumble drier, to show how much more electricity is used. Label sheets of A4 paper with the names of the rooms in your home and get your child to draw all the electrical items in each room to see which room uses most electricity.



### Make a money box

If your child doesn't have a money box, look online to find instructions for making one at home. Get them to draw around a selection of coins, copy the designs and colour them in. Then help them cut out the coins and use them to decorate the finished money box. Discuss the values of the coins as you do so. Once they've made the money box, use the **Savings Tracker** and get your child to tick off the correct coins every time they add them to their money box.



### 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.

[mymoneysense.com](http://mymoneysense.com)

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### Missing coin

Get one of each type of coin, and show them to your child on a tray. Then, while they look away, remove one of the coins. Can they say which one is missing? To make this easier for younger children, lay out a second complete set of coins, so they can compare the sets and see what's missing.



### Loose change

Collect up your loose change and ask your child to stack it up into piles by denomination. When they have finished, help them to add up the total of each pile on a piece of paper to show the values of each type of coin.

### Playing shop

Set up a play shop at home using household items and food, and put prices on all the items. Give your child some real coins, and you play shopkeeper, charging them the right amount and giving them change. Older children can play this together – taking it in turns to play shopkeeper and customer.



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