

Supporting Activities

Pounds and Pence



Money Bag Mystery: An activity for 2 or 3 children to play to develop their understanding of pounds and pence.

Resources: You will need several money bags, which contain various combinations of notes and coins.

Activity: Each player chooses a money bag, without looking inside. Each player empties their bag's contents at the same time and writes the total value of the money inside. The first player to place the coins and notes in ascending order and correctly identify their total wins the round. Use different money bags in each round or tweak the value of money inside the bags to keep the values varied.

Example:

Player 1: Chooses money bag B.

Player 2: Chooses money bag C.

Player 3: Chooses money bag A.

All players empty their money bags.

Player 1:



Player 2:



Player 3:



Player 2: Places the 5p coin before the £5 note.

Player 1: Realises that the two coins in their bag are identical.

Player 3: Places both 1p coins before the 2p coin. Lists their total as 4p.

Player 3 wins for using ascending order accurately and calculating the total value.