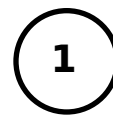


The Five-Coin Choice

15 minutes | Beginner | Pencil and five pretend coins

You have five pretend coins. You need a snack for this outing.



SNACK

Cost: 2 coins



STICKER

Cost: 1 coins



TOY

Cost: 4 coins



MEET > WATCH > TRY > CELEBRATE

Circle an affordable plan. Cross out any plan over five coins.

- ☐ Snack + sticker
- ☐ Snack + toy
- ☐ Snack only

Draw the coins left after your choice. Tell us why you chose it.

Explain it. Try it with permission. Teach someone else.

The Five-Coin Choice

4-6 | Explorers | Money | Keep this page separate from the challenge

WHAT THIS BUILDS

Comparing choices, explaining tradeoffs, and checking assumptions before spending.

ANSWERS AND REASONING

Snack leaves 3. Snack + sticker costs 3 and leaves 2. Snack + toy costs 6, so it does not fit. Snack only costs 2 and leaves 3. Either affordable plan is valid.

SUPPORT AND BOUNDARIES

Let the child move counters instead of writing. Needs depend on the situation; wanting something is not bad. Avoid making this a test of family finances.

REAL-WORLD MISSION

At home, play shop with three objects and pretend prices. Ask your child to choose within five coins.

GROWN-UP DISCOVERY

A smaller purchase can leave room for something you will need later. Ask: What purchase did you learn to wait for?

AFTER THE MISSION

One thing we noticed: _____

One thing we would try differently: _____

Child: I can explain it / I want another practice / I need help.