Grade 1 Mathematics: Financial Literacy

Free sample lesson

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Lesson 1: Nickel, dime and quarter

1 day · about 40 minutes · F1.1

> **Learning goal**
>
> - We are learning to tell the nickel, dime and quarter apart.

> **Success criteria**
>
> - I can name a nickel, a dime and a quarter.
> - I can say how many cents each coin is worth.

Materials

- Play coins (nickels, dimes, quarters)
- Clay or paper and crayons for rubbings
- Small bags

What students do with their hands

Students sort play coins by size, press them into clay or trace them, and name each one.

Minds On (8 min)

1. Pass around a nickel, a dime and a quarter in a bag. Students feel them with eyes closed.
2. Ask: "Which coin is the smallest?"

Action (22 min)

1. Name each coin and say its value. Point out the size, colour and number on each.
2. Students sort a handful of coins into three groups and name each group.

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3. Students make a rubbing of each coin, then complete the worksheet.

Consolidation (10 min)

1. Call out a coin name. Students hold up that coin.
2. Exit: "How many cents is a dime?"

Questions to ask

- How can you tell a dime from a nickel?
- What do you see on the front of the coin?

Watch for

- Some students think the dime is bigger because it is worth more. Put a dime beside a nickel.

Differentiation

Support	Extend
Work with only two coins at first, the dime and the quarter.	Find the coins in a pretend wallet that match a secret clue.

Answer key: Nickel, dime, quarter

1. Circle the nickel.



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> **Answer:** The nickel, 5¢.

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2. Circle the dime.



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> **Answer:** The dime, 10¢.

3. Circle the quarter.



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> **Answer:** The quarter, 25¢.

4. What is this coin called?



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> **Answer:** nickel

5. What is this coin called?



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> **Answer:** quarter

Student worksheet: Nickel, dime, quarter

Success criteria

- I can name a nickel, a dime and a quarter.
- I can say how many cents each coin is worth.

Look at the coins. Circle the right coin.

1 Circle the nickel.



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2 Circle the dime.



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3 Circle the quarter.



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4 What is this coin called?



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5 What is this coin called?



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