



Activity Idea

Activity	Pound shopping
Main Focus	Cardinality, linking number symbols with numbers of things

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Objects to buy, in containers or on shelves ➤ Price labels - double sided, so they can be seen by the buyer and the shop keeper ➤ Purses or bags, with 5 coins in each (these could be plastic coins, card coins, buttons etc.) Each coin represents £1. ➤ A number track with numerals and dots for reference
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Activity Outline	<p>The aim of the activity is for children to match the right number of coins to the price of items.</p> <p>Set up a shop, garden centre, boot fair, vegetable stall etc. (whatever is of interest to children in your setting) with most things priced at one pound, and a few prices at two or three pounds. Place prices on the items to be bought- children can help decide.</p> <p>Two children can be shopkeepers, to check with each other that shoppers have paid the right amount. The other children shop in pairs: they have one purses with 5 pound coins between two.</p> <p>Children choose what to buy and give the right number of coins. Ask children, <i>How much have you spent so far? How many pounds have you got left?</i></p>
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Extension Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increase the number of pounds in purses to 6 or 10 ✓ Increase the prices of some items ✓ Children are given or write shopping lists before they shop (they can tick off things bought and record the amount spent). ✓ Play a table top shopping game with small toys (with price labels attached on post-its): children throw dice to collect pounds or pennies (from a 'bank' bowl) and then choose buy things to buy until the bank has run out of money. ✓ Read <i>The great pet sale</i> by Mick Inkpen
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