

Money Tic-Tac-Toe

Help your second or third grader gain a better understanding of how to count money using a tic-tac-toe grid. Practice adding up different coin values and writing them down using dollar signs and decimal points. It's a whole new way to work on an important math concept! Ask your student to help create and solve problems as you play.

What You Need:

- Paper or poster board
- Marker
- Scratch paper
- Pencils
- A mixed assortment of coins, in: .01, .05, .10, .25, .50, or 1.00 denominations.

What You Do:

1. Use a marker and your paper or posterboard to make your grid! It can be as big or as small as you like, and when it's done it should look like a pound sign.
2. Add any combination coins in each square on the grid.
3. Decide which player will be Xs and which player will be Os.
4. Take turns selecting boxes, adding up the value of the coins within them, and writing down their values using dollar signs and decimal points.
5. If a player solves correctly, he gets to claim a box by putting either an X or an O in it and he earns 200 points.
6. When a player has attained three boxes in any row, column, or diagonal, they receive an additional 500 points.
7. Play until all of the squares have been claimed. The player with the most points is the winner.

