

FUTURE INVESTORS



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Lesson Plan: Exploring Australian Coins

Let's Talk About Money! (10–15 mins)

What are Australian coins and how do we use them?

Kick off the lesson with a fun and friendly class chat all about coins.

Show your students a range of Australian coins and encourage them to share what they know.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you seen these coins before?
- Can you name them?
- What do people use coins for?
- Encourage students to share their own experiences:
- Do you or your family use coins to buy things?
- Have you ever saved up coins for something special?
- Where do people keep their coins – in jars, piggy banks, wallets?

Let's Explore Coins! (20–35 mins)

Time to become coin detectives! Let students investigate the features of Australian coins using real coins or Worksheet 1.

Hands-on Activities:

- Coin rubbing with crayons and paper
- Trace or cut out coins
- Sort coins by size, shape, or colour

Discussion Prompts:

- What size is each coin?
- What colour is each coin?
- What image or animal is on the coin?

Games and Extended Exploration:

- 'Guess the Coin' game with partners
- Explore who or what is featured on each coin
- Look at coins from other countries
- Invite students to bring in unique coins from home
- Use additional worksheets from the Royal Australian Mint

Understanding the Value of Coins (10–15 mins)

Help students understand the concept of coin value by sorting and comparing.

Sorting Activities:

- Line up coins by size
- Identify the smallest and largest coin
- Discuss why coins are different shapes and sizes

Then sort coins by value:

- Which coin is worth the least?
- Which coin is worth the most?
- Discuss the relationship between coin size and value