

Coins in the Bank

Primary Objectives

20a. Counts

Why It's Important

Putting coins in a bank gives your child practice in understanding how to put objects where they belong. Listening to each coin as it falls into the bank helps to reinforce your child's attempts at counting the coins individually.

Materials

Plastic piggy bank or plastic container with a coin-size slot cut into the top; real or pretend coins

What You Do

1. Set up the coin bank and coins at a table.
2. Invite your child to sit with you at the table. Explain that you need her help to put the coins in the bank, one at a time.
3. As your child picks up each coin, encourage her describe its shape, size, texture, and color.
4. Point out the sound that a coin makes as it falls into the bank.
5. Invite your child to join you as you count the number of coins going into the bank. Accept all of her attempts to count, even if the numbers are not in the correct order.
6. Encourage her to point out other areas in the room in which one object fits inside another (e.g., a shovel in a bucket, a pencil in the pencil tray, or a flower in a vase).