

Beavers Money Skills Badge

Choose A Creative Way To Explain The History Of Money And The Different Ways We Can Spend Money Today

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Overview

For this task your group will briefly learn how money has evolved. And then they will play a game called 'The Barter Game'.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Collect the materials needed
2. Print and cut out the 'Barter Cards' – you need one set for each team of four

Materials Needed

- 1 x Coin, 1 x £5 Note, 1 x Credit Card and 1 x Mobile Phone
- Barter Cards

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Layout the materials

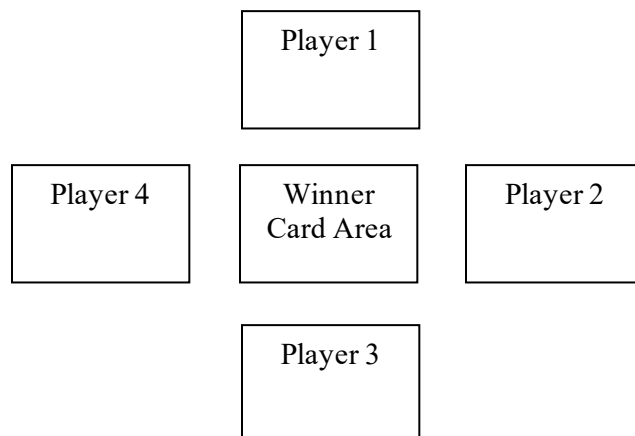
Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task you need to complete for your 'Money' badge is to know about the history of money.
2. **Speak** – Let's have a quick chat about the different stages of how money has evolved. Then I have a fun game for you to play called 'The Barter Game'.
Firstly did you know that before money was invented, people bartered for goods and services. For example, one farmer might give his 'Cows Milk' to another farmer in exchange for some 'Vegetables'.
3. **Direction** – In the following step show an object to represent what you are talking about for example, when you mention...
 - a. 'Metal Money' show a 'Coin'
 - b. 'Paper Money' show a '£5 Note'
 - c. 'Plastic Cards' show a 'Credit Card'
 - d. 'Phone' show a 'Mobile Phone'
4. **Speak** - As time went on 'Metal Money' started to circulate. Then came paper money. After a few more years it was possible to use plastic cards. And now today you can even use your computer or phone to pay for things
5. **Speak** - Now let's play the 'Barter Game' the idea behind this game is that we are going to pretend that it's many many years ago when we didn't have the money we have today. So we have to barter to buy things.
6. **Speak** - To win the game you have to collect 5 identical items by trading with the people in your team. For this game I have chosen animals. We will demonstrate how to play the game

7. **Action** - Use the following instructions to demonstrate with at least 2 other people to show your group how to play the game. If you don't have 3 leaders use one of your group members.

Instructions for the game...

- a) Firstly if you have teams of four then each team will play with 4 different items (barter cards). If you have teams of 3 then each team will only play with 3 items.
- b) Shuffle your barter cards making sure they are very mixed up. Deal 5 cards to each team member



- c) Each person should look at their cards and arrange them in item order. And not show another team member what they have
- d) Now let's say you have 2 Sheep and 3 Donkeys. Donkeys will be your best bet to win the game because you only need 2 more Donkeys to win.
- e) Take your 3 Donkey cards and keep them face down on your table
- f) Hold out your other cards to another team member to swap with. For example, you hold out 2 cards without showing the item (it has to be the equal amount). If someone is only holding up 1 card then you can only swap 1 card with them
- g) This process continues until a team member collects 5 identical items. When they do they should shout '**Barter**' and place their cards in the '**Winner Card Area**'
- h) Play a couple of times for more fun!
