

Parent Guide to the

Counting Money and Making Change

Today's Standard

2.MD.C8 - Solve word problems involving dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, using \$ and ¢ symbols appropriately. Example: If you have 2 dimes and 3 pennies, how many cents do you have?

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Buying items at a store and calculating total cost; Making change when paying with cash; Counting money in a piggy bank; Comparing prices of items; Budgeting a small allowance

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to solve word problems involving money. I practiced using dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, and learned how to use the \$ and ¢ symbols correctly.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students might mix up the values of different coins, like thinking a nickel is worth more than a dime because it's bigger. Others might use the \$ and ¢ symbols incorrectly. We'll practice with real or play money to fix these mistakes.

Quiz Me

- How much is a quarter worth?
- What symbol do you use for dollars?
- If you have 3 dimes, how many cents do you have?
- How many cents are in a dollar?
- If you have 1 quarter and 2 nickels, how many cents do you have?

Help Me

We use money every day. Knowing how much each coin and bill is worth helps us buy things and make change. For example, if you want to buy a toy for 25 cents, you can use a quarter. If you have 3 dimes, you have 30 cents because each dime is worth 10 cents.