

# MONEY Match!

## **What This Is**

The Money Match Game is a fun and challenging card game where you must find matching pairs of cards that have the same drawings or pictures. To play it well, you'll need to look, think, and remember. You can play by yourself, with friends, or even in teams.

## **The Object of The Game**

The object of the game is to find pairs of cards with matching pictures. The player or team who gets the most pairs wins the game.

## **How Many Can Play**

One person • Two people • Teams of two or more

## **Getting Started**

Before you play the game:

- 1) Cut out the cards.
- 2) You may want to look at the card faces. It's not cheating to look at all of them before you play the game. Looking can help you when you play the game.

## **How To Play The Game**

**Step 1** Shuffle the cards and lay each card face down in even rows to make a rectangle.

**Step 2** If more than one person is playing, find a fair way to decide who will be first. You could flip a coin, play rock-paper-scissors, etc.

**Step 3** A player turns over two cards, one at a time, hoping to find a matching pair of cards. If the cards match, the player takes the matching pair of cards, sets them aside and takes another turn. If the cards don't match, the player puts the cards back in the facedown position. If more than one person is playing, the first player's turn is over and the next player takes a turn.

**Step 4** Players keep playing until there aren't any cards left. The player with the most pairs of cards wins.

## **The Game for Young Children**

You may want to start out younger children with a simpler version. This can make the game enjoyable as they build the kinds of visual memory and fine motor skills they need to play the full game.

- 1) Pick out the ten cards that have line drawings rather than enlarged images from U.S. currency on their faces.
- 2) Place up to all five pairs of line drawing cards (face up and not next to their matching card) in front of the child(ren). Pick up one, show it, and ask, "Can you find the one card that looks just like this card, one that matches it?" If the child has difficulty in finding the match, point out distinctive characteristics of the design that can help. (You may also wish to start out with fewer card pairs.) Repeat the sequence until all the matches have been made.
- 3) Help the child(ren) mix the cards up and, together, place them face down in rows.
- 4) Ask one child to turn one card over. Then ask him or her to turn over another card to find a match. Ask him or her if they match. If they do, point out the various characteristics that make them identical. Tell him or her to begin a pile of matching cards off to the side. [If he or she is the only child playing and it does not match, suggest that he or she return the non-matching card to its place and turn over another card. (Use your judgement as to whether to return the non-matching cards to their places face-up or face-down.) Continue until he or she finds a matching card.]
- 5) Whether one or more children are playing, continue the sequence described in Step 4 until all the cards have been matched.
- 6) If more than one child is playing, it is unnecessary to compare how many pairs each child has in their "match" pile.
- 7) Each time the child(ren) plays, consider ways to increase the difficulty that simultaneously promote challenge and competence.

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