



Money Charades

Get ready to have some fun!

Charades is a game that the whole family can enjoy, having some laughs together while learning about money. Each player will deliver their most convincing acting performance while others will try to guess the money idiom listed on their card. Use the additional ideas listed below to extend the learning beyond the game. You may even “hit the jackpot” and win big!

1. To get started, print the money idioms on heavy paper or cardstock, and cut them into individual squares to create a card deck
2. Read the following instructions and rules to the group:
 - a. When it is their turn, each player will draw a card from the deck and act out, to the best of their ability, what it says on the card
 - b. Players are not allowed to speak or mouth the words, but they can use facial expressions, gestures, and pointing to get their message across
 - c. Players will have between up to two minutes to perform while the others try to guess the phrase (someone will keep time)
 - d. The “actor” will receive a point for every correct guess and the teammate with the most points will win the game
3. After each play, discuss the meaning of the phrase (refer to the descriptions below) and try using it in a sentence
4. Extend the learning by collecting other phrases, idioms, and proverbs that relate to money and discuss them at the dinner table
5. Then create your own set of cards with this new material and play the game again



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A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush	Dime a dozen	Lose money hand over fist	Penny pincher
A penny saved is a penny earned	Get by on a shoestring	Money doesn't grow on trees	Squirrel away
All that glitters is not gold	Highway robbery	Money is burning a hole in your pocket	Throw good money after bad
Bang for your buck	In the hole	Nest egg	Waste not, want not
Cost an arm and a leg	Keep our heads above water	On the house	Worth its weight in gold



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A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush – it is better to hold onto something you have than to risk losing it by trying to get something better

A penny saved is a penny earned – it is better to save money that you already have than to earn more

All that glitters is not gold – appearances, no matter how lovely and sparkly, can be deceptive; an opportunity that looks or sounds too good to be true probably is

Bang for your buck – to get the maximum return for the money you spend

Cost an arm and a leg – it costs so much money that it is like losing something as valuable as a limb

Dime a dozen – something that is so common and easy to get that it is of little value

Get by on a shoestring – to be able to survive on a limited budget and limiting wasteful spending

Highway robbery – when the price is far beyond what it is worth and you feel taken advantage of

In the hole – to be in serious debt, meaning you owe more money than you have

Keep our heads above water – to just barely keep up with our work or responsibilities in order to survive financially

Lose money hand over fist – to lose a lot of money very quickly

Money doesn't grow on trees – money is not easily acquired, rather it is earned through hard work and should never be wasted

Money is burning a hole in your pocket – you are eager to spend money on frivolous things

Nest egg – money that has been meticulously saved over time, often for retirement, to provide security for the future

On the house – something offered free of charge, typically paid for by the owner of a business

Penny pincher – someone who is very careful with their money and rarely spends it; they pinch as much as they can out of every penny

Squirrel away – to save or store money for safekeeping much like a squirrel stores up nuts for winter

Throw good money after bad – wasting money repeatedly on the same thing and hoping your luck will change

Waste not, want not – if you do not use too much of something today, you will have some left for later when you need it

Worth its weight in gold – someone or something that is so valuable and useful that life would be difficult without it