

# Shopping List Activity



## Materials:

- Paper
- Pencils
- Real or play bills and coins

## Tips:

- When creating your shopping list, you can be as imaginative as you want. Unicorns, flying puppies, and 10-foot-tall birthday cakes, are all up for grabs in the store of imagination.
- Prices should ideally be round (Ex. \$1, \$1.50), if you want a little extra challenge.
- It is not difficult to turn this hypothetical exercise into a real one. Find real objects in your home and create a store to walk through, or better yet, go to a real store to shop.

## Instructions:

- Create a shopping list of real or imaginary items and make sure it includes the prices for each item.
- Give your child a random mixture of bills and coins amounting to any value and have them add them up.
- When your child figures out how much money they have, ask them to then calculate the price of all the items on the grocery list you created.
- After they do that, ask them to determine whether they can afford everything on the list.
- That's it! This is a fun way for young kids to learn to count money in a realistic situation.