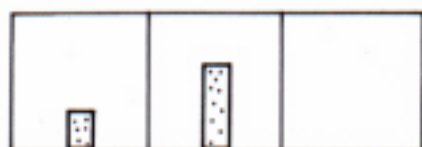


Dollar Digit



Grade Level

TOOLS

Scratch paper

Play or real money—
dimes and pennies

Dice

A game for

2-4 players

Why

To practice place value skills using money

- ▶ This game is meant for younger children to help them learn about the relative values of numbers in columns, building on their understanding of money. ◀

How

- Each person will need a playing board made from scratch paper, like this:

	DIMES	PENNIES
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

- The dimes and pennies should be in the center of the table within reach of all players.
- Each person takes a turn rolling one die.
- All of the players use the same number rolled on each turn.
- Each player takes as many pennies **or** dimes as the number rolled on the die, and puts them in the appropriate column—pennies in the pennies' column or dimes in the dimes' column. A player **may not take both pennies and dimes on the same turn.**
- Whenever a player has ten or more pennies, she or he **must** trade ten of the pennies for a dime. The dime is put with any others in the dimes' column.
- The object of the game is to get as close as possible to \$1.00. Totals may go over \$1.00.
- As soon as each player has had seven turns, the players look to see who is closest to \$1.00, or who is the winner.

More Ideas

- Make a rule that if a player goes over a dollar, the player is out of the game.
- Use pennies and nickels to reach 25¢ for very young children.
- Base 10 blocks may be used if they are available.
- Make a written record of each turn and its money amounts.

