

Bingo On The Go

 *Lots of people make lists and plans for what they want to buy with their money.*

 *Before you spend money, have a plan in mind.*

The activity

You can use this activity to talk with your kids about the way money flows through communities, and supports community services and activities. The bingo game cards show some of the common things you and your children might see in your community or other areas. You can talk with your children about what you see, where the money comes from to pay for them, and how important or valuable they are.

Set up

Print a bingo card for each player. Each player will also need a pencil, crayon or pen. Or, place a printed bingo card in a zippered storage bag or in a page protector, and use dry erase markers to play.

What to do

Have kids look for and check or mark off the places, services, and objects on their bingo card as they see them. The first person to cover five squares in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal row wins.

Things to talk about

When you look around in a community, notice the role money plays to support the places, services and things you use.

Many buildings and services in our communities are paid for with public funds. Public funding usually means money the government collects to pay for goods and services. Other buildings or services are paid for with money from private organizations – that is, companies or individuals using their own money. Others are paid for by nonprofit organizations like foundations or charities. Often there is a combination of money from different sources.

Talk about the kinds of places, services, and objects that use public funding. Consider how the community benefits from sharing these. If it's not clear where the funding comes from, brainstorm for ways you could find the information. You might ask at the local library, at the town hall or government center, or the organization's website or toll-free phone number.

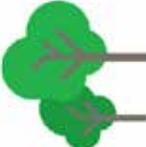
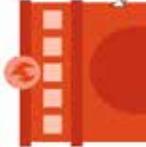
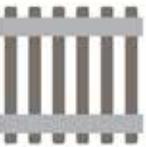
Discuss with your child why sometimes it might make sense to use money from a combination of different sources. For example, a hospital might be paid for by a corporation but also provide publicly funded services like Medicare. Or, a playground might use public funds but also take donations from individuals to keep it well maintained or purchase new equipment.



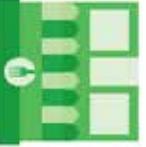
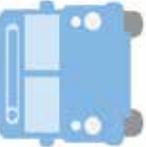
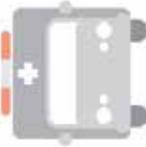
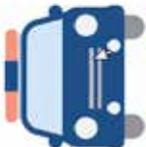
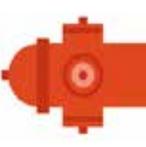
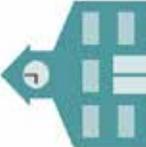
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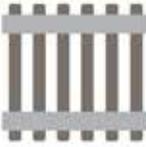
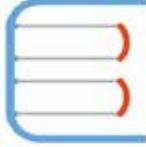
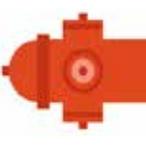
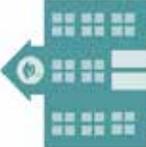
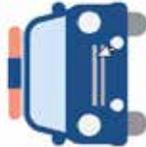
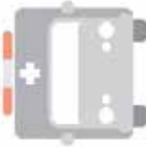
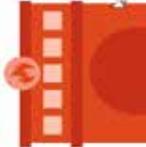
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 PUBLIC BUS	 LIBRARY	 AIRPLANE	 ROAD WORK	 POWER LINE
 PLAYGROUND	 POLICE CAR	 UNIVERSITY	 AMBULANCE	 FIRE FIGHTER
 HOSPITAL	 FIRE HYDRANT	 FREE SPACE	 BRIDGE	 POLICE STATION
 PARK	 HISTORIC SITE	 FIRE DEPARTMENT	 SCHOOL	 ROAD SIGN
 FIRE TRUCK	 ROAD	 REST AREA	 POLICE OFFICER	 RAILROAD TRACKS

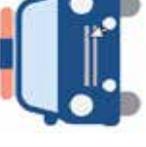
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 FIRE DEPARTMENT	 REST AREA	 UNIVERSITY	 POWER LINE	 POLICE STATION
 BRIDGE	 AIRPLANE	 HOSPITAL	 POLICE OFFICER	 ROAD SIGN
 RESTAURANT	 FIRE TRUCK	 FREE SPACE	 RAILROAD TRACKS	 LIBRARY
 PUBLIC BUS	 PARK	 HISTORIC SITE	 AMBULANCE	 FIRE FIGHTER
 ROAD WORK	 POLICE CAR	 FIRE HYDRANT	 SCHOOL	 PLAY GROUND

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 HOSPITAL	 REST AREA	 HISTORIC SITE	 RESTAURANT	 LIBRARY
 POLICE OFFICER	 RAILROAD TRACKS	 PLAYGROUND	 FIRE HYDRANT	 SCHOOL
 ROAD WORK	 FIRE TRUCK	 FREE SPACE	 PUBLIC BUS	 POLICE STATION
 UNIVERSITY	 TUNNEL	 ROAD SIGN	 POLICE CAR	 FIRE FIGHTER
 BRIDGE	 AMBULANCE	 FIRE DEPARTMENT	 POWER LINE	 PARK

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 FIRE HYDRANT	 POLICE STATION	 TUNNEL	 PUBLIC BUS	 PARK
 PLAYGROUND	 RAILROAD TRACKS	 UNIVERSITY	 REST AREA	 FIRE FIGHTER
 HOSPITAL	 HISTORIC SITE	 FREE SPACE	 AIRPLANE	 SCHOOL
 ROAD	 FIRE DEPARTMENT	 POWER LINE	 LIBRARY	 POLICE CAR
 POLICE OFFICER	 RESTAURANT	 AMBULANCE	 FIRE TRUCK	 ROAD SIGN