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Activity: **Counting Coins**

This simple coin game came from Paths to Literacy, a website with all kinds of great resources for children who are visually impaired.

Materials: Quarters, Dimes, Nickels, and Pennies, Four cups per player,

Instructions: Each player is given an assortment of coins. Each player sorts their coins into each cup. For example, one cup is used for pennies. The first player puts any coin in the center of the table. A second player must match the coin that the first player put into the center. If player two matches the wrong coin player one gets the coins. If player two matches the right coin, they get the coins.

Your child does not have to know exactly what coins are. Your child can play the game by matching the small coin to the other small coin. Or the brown coin to the other brown coin. For a child with no vision, have the child touch each coin before playing. Explain to them that a dime is the smallest coin with ridges. A penny is next after the dime, and it has no ridges. A nickel is next and has ridges. Try to keep the penny and nickel separate or have your child hold each one and try to figure out which one is which, since these two are very similar. Quarter is the largest with ridges.

Target areas: Counting, Matching, Sorting, Money identification