Exercise Counts : MASTERING THE VALUES OF HONG KONG COINS



This module is suitable for P1, but can also be used in P2 for consolidation purposes.

RATIONALE - Why do NCS students find coin values difficult to understand?

LEARNING TARGETS - Students are expected to be able to

- 1. identify coins of different values,
- 2. do skip counting in terms of the value of coins, and
- 3. practice equal-value exchange among different coins.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGIES

- 1. Use of manipulatives
- 2. To practice skip counting with real coins
- 3. To engage and motivate students with story problems

SELF-ASSESSMENT IN 'EXERCISE COUNTS'

These targets and strategies are realized through exercises, which are accompanied by special self-assessment to enhance learning.

LESSON PLAN I - FOR LEARNING TARGET 1

Manipulatives – e.g. cards, tokens, counters and real or toy coins.





Three Exercises with manipulatives

Ex.1 Let students make their own set of counters

Ex.2 Let students line up coins in the order of their values and observe relations among various coins

Ex.3 Let students match cards, tokens, counters and HK coins with their names



LESSON PLAN II - FOR LEARNING TARGET 2

Four exercises with counting activities

- Ex.1 (Level 1) Skip counting dollar coins in 2s, 5s or 10s
- Ex.2 (Level 2) Skip counting in a combination of two or more of the above
- Ex.3 (Level 3) Skip counting 10-cent, 20-cent and 50-cent coins
- **Ex.4 (Level 4)** Involving the change of unit from 'cent' to 'dollar' in skip counting, e.g. counting three 50-cent coins as "50 cents, 1 dollar, 1 dollar 50 cents".

LESSON PLAN III - FOR LEARNING TARGET 3

Visual aids are provided for the understanding of equal value, for example:



Exercises with open-ended problems

- **Ex.1** Given a set of coins of the same smaller value, find, by counting, its equivalence in coins of a bigger value.
- **Ex.2** Create coin combinations for a given value.
- **Ex.3** Open-ended Exercise with story problems
 - Level 1 Dealing with one type of dollar coins only
 - Level 2 Dealing with two types of dollar coins
 - Level 3 Letting students choose from 2-dollar, 5-dollar and 10-dollar coins
 - Level 4 Letting students decide what to buy
 - Level 5 sLetting students create their own story problems
- **Ex.4** A story for dialogic learning



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ASSESSMENT TOOLS

A. Two self-assessment tools

Tool 1. Self-checking Slip – What am I learning?

Tool 2. A Form to check understanding – How is it done?

- B. Why self-assessment?
- C. Teaching students to do self-assessment
- D. For teacher and school development

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