

Synergy Cents

Have you ever wondered how pennies or quarters are made? The United States Mint makes millions of coins daily. People and machines work together to manufacture coins that we use every day.

First, circles are punched from large strips of metal that are about 13 inches by 1,500 feet. This is called blanking. Any leftover metal is chopped and recycled. Those blanks are then heated in a furnace to soften them, then they are washed and dried.

Next, the coins go through an upsetting mill, which raises the rim around the edges.

Finally, in the "striking" phase, the blanks go

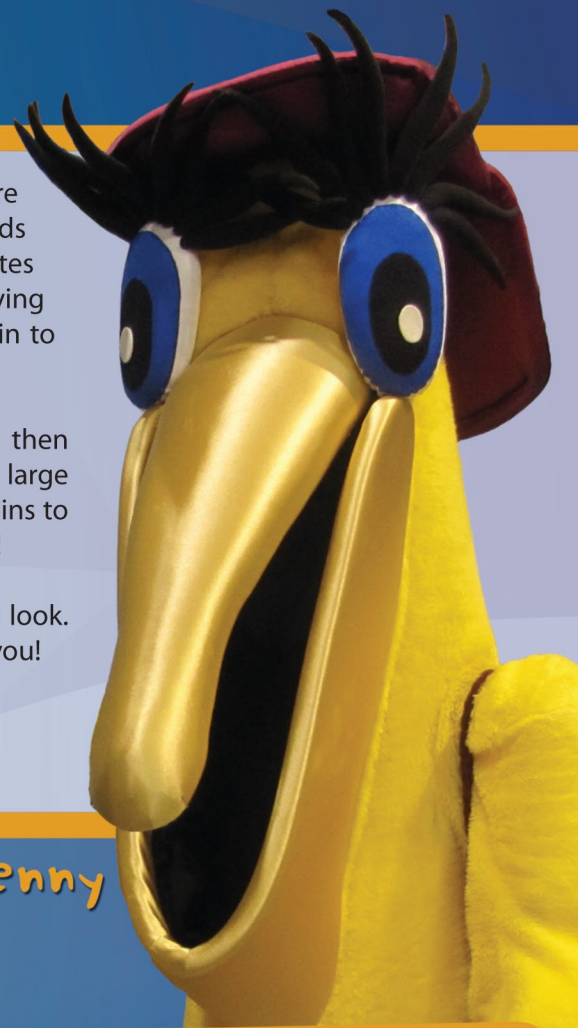
to the coining press. Here, the coins are stamped with the designs and words that make them genuine United States coins. Workers then use magnifying glasses to take a close look at the coin to make sure everything is correct.

An automatic counting machine then counts the coins and puts them into large bags. Trucks will then take the new coins to banks for everyone to use. Pretty neat!

Next time you see a coin, take a good look. It has had quite the journey to get to you!

Sincerely,

Penny D. Pelican



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Can you help Penny unscramble these words?

ONICS

BNKNIGLA

TMIN

NYPEN

RKGSNTII

RRTUAQE

KNCILE

MDIE

PENNY-OPOLY

Penny's parents give her a small allowance every week for doing her chores. Penny likes to do her chores so that she can help her parents with activities around the house while earning a few dollars.

Help Penny move from the start to finish line. Here is how you play the game:

What you'll need:

1 dice
Token (can be a coin or game piece)

Rules & Directions:

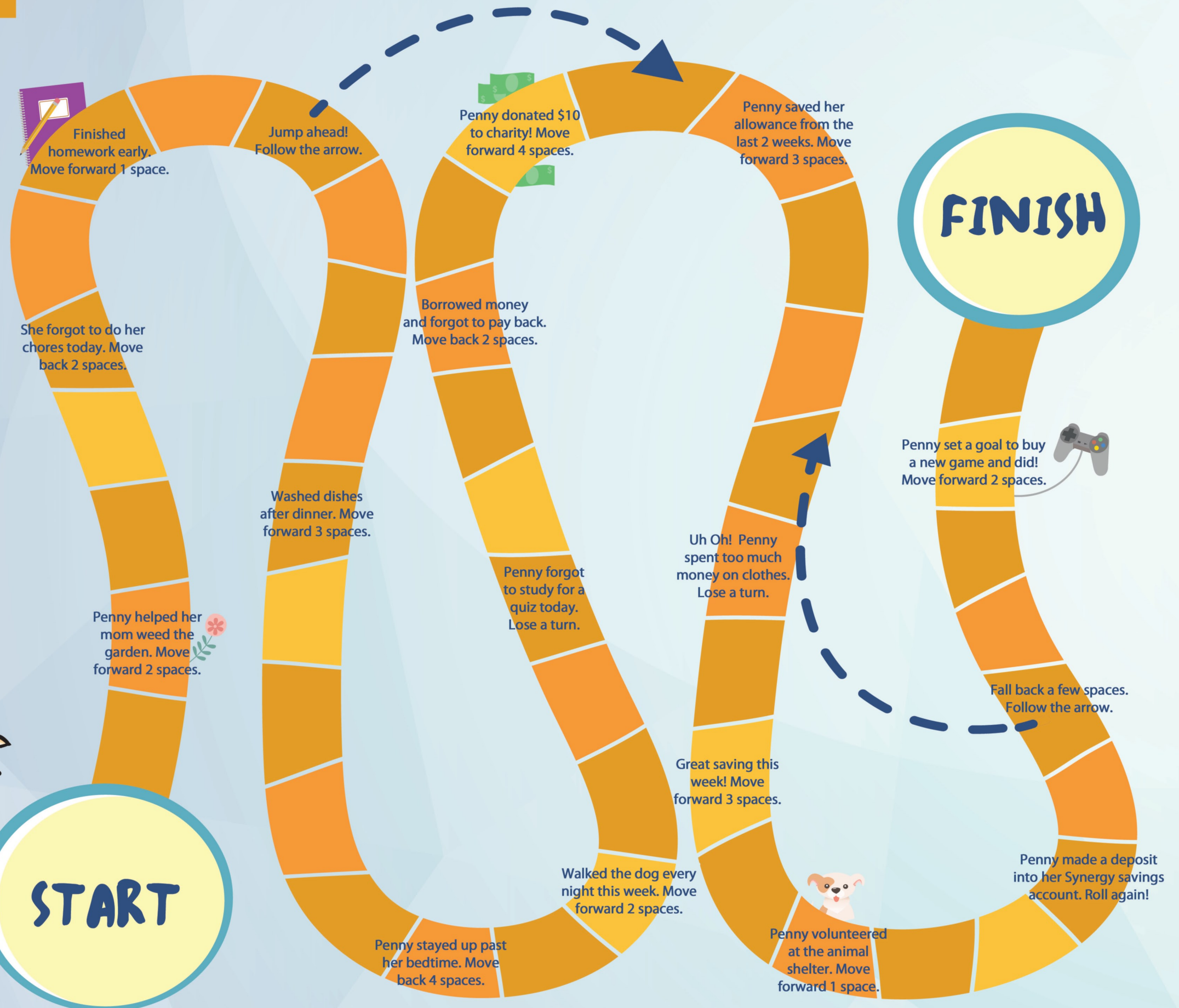
This game can be played with two or more players.

Each player takes turns rolling the dice and moving that many spaces.

If player lands on an empty square, they stay there until their next turn.

If player lands on a square with words, read and follow the directions.

First player to reach the finish line is the winner!



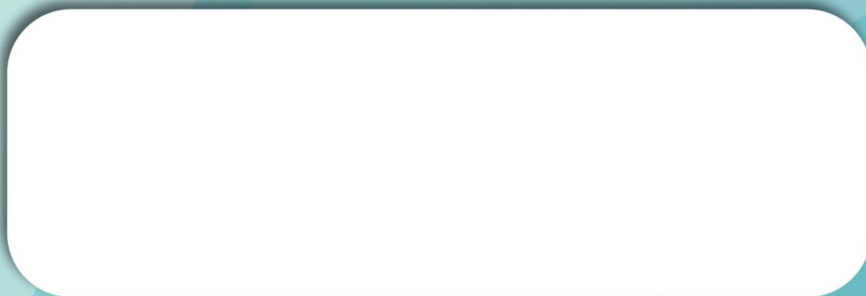
PARENTS CORNER

These days, it may seem hard to carve out some technology-free family fun, especially during the summer. There are many activities you can do with your kids to get them away from the television or gaming devices. Make it a family affair – take a technology time out and join in on the fun together. Here are a few ideas that don't require a lot of planning or money.

Playing board games or card games can reinforce math and reading skills, an added bonus for play time. For the younger children, "Go Fish" is an easy game to start with. Your family can also spend time at a local library reading books, attending story time or crafting events.

Go outside! Playing with something as simple as bubbles or sidewalk chalk can get a child's imagination flowing. Use the chalk to trace, draw pictures, or play a game of hopscotch. Letting your children help you garden is also a great family activity. Children will love getting their hands dirty and watching their hard work pay off in the form of vegetables or flowers.

It may seem simple, but getting the family together for uninterrupted fun is always a great idea!



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