



Introduction to Financial Literacy

For School Students



When you go to the market with your parents, do you watch how they buy things? They use money for everything. In India, we use **Rupees** to buy things. You may have used rupees in your school canteen too!

Barter System Before Money

Before money was invented, people exchanged things. This was called the **Barter System**.

Example:

Satya had extra wheat. Ahmad had extra rice. They exchanged one bag each. Now both have wheat and rice.

Have you ever swapped a toy or snack with a friend? That's barter too!

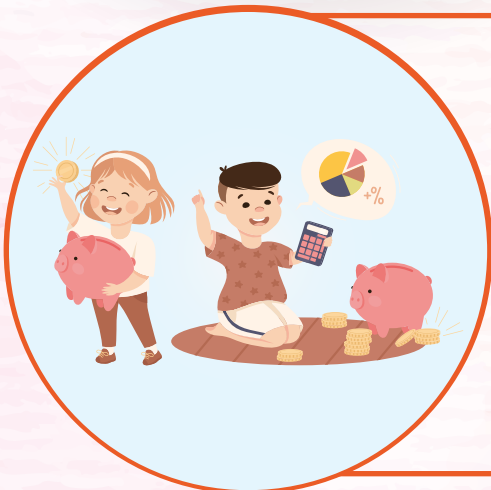
Needs vs. Wants

To understand why people exchange or buy things, let's know the difference:

- **Needs:** Must-haves like food, clothes, and shelter.
- **Wants:** Nice-to-have things like games, toys, and ice cream.

If you are hungry, you need food.
If you just want ice cream after lunch, that's a want.

What is Financial Literacy?



Financial literacy means knowing how to earn, save, spend, and grow money in a smart way.

Why is it important for Kids?

Learning about money helps you:

- To use your pocket money wisely
- To avoid wasting money
- To build saving habits
- To plan better for fun things!

Basic Money Concepts for Children

Do not spend all your money. Save a part of it.
Tip: Save Rs 5 out of every Rs 20.

Saving

Banking Basics

Banks help to keep your money safe. Some banks even offer kids accounts. At home, you can save your pocket money in your piggy bank.

Buy only what you **need**, not everything you **want**.
Needs: Books, food
Wants: Fancy toys, video games

Spending Wisely

Digital Payments

Apps like GPay are used for payments. Always ask an adult before using them.

A budget is a plan for your money.
Example: If you have Rs 100, spend Rs 70 and save Rs 30.

Budgeting

Avoiding Debt

Debt means borrowing money. Try not to borrow. Talk to your parents if needed.

How Children Can Teach Parents About Money?

Even though parents know a lot, you can help them learn about money too!

Share What You Learn

Tell them about saving, budgeting, and spending wisely.

Be a Role Model

Save your money and buy things on your own to help your parents.

Plan Budget Together

Plan your monthly spending using:

- 1) A notebook
- 2) A simple chart
- 3) Budgeting apps (with help)

Teach Digital Safety

Remind them the importance of:

- 1) Not to share OTPs
- 2) Not to click on unknown links
- 3) Not to use weak passwords
- 4) Not to write the PIN number on the card

Explain Bank Basics

Talk about:

- 1) Savings accounts
- 2) Fixed deposits
- 3) Safe online banking

Set Family Goals

Save together for:

- 1) A trip
- 2) A festival

"Let's save Rs 100 a week for Diwali!"

Learn Together: Play games and watch videos related to money, and talk about money as a family.

Fun Ways to Learn About Money



Use a piggy bank



Play Monopoly



Keep a money diary



Watch kids finance videos

Good Habits to Start Now



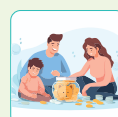
Save part of your money



Think before buying



Ask questions about money



Learn with your family