

Finance 101 for Kids

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About this video



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Malik loses his money AGAIN! Jamal helps him explore the reasons why a bank account might be a good idea but Malik has some questions: What is Interest? What type of bank account to you need? How do you get your money back out?

Essential question:

What are the benefits of having a bank account and which type of account is best for me?

Learning intention:

Understand the differences between savings and transaction accounts and how interest is earned.

Before watching

Activating prior knowledge

Ask students to raise their hands if they have a bank account and ask volunteers to share why they opened an account.

If students are unsure, tell them it is a good opportunity to ask their parents or caregivers about it at home.

After watching

Below are two activities to extend students' learning and check for understanding.

Activity 1: Savings vs. transaction accounts

Students will compare the benefits of each type of account by making a table.

Distribute a copy of the *Savings vs. Transaction Accounts* worksheet to each student to fill in with their research. Students can work on their own or in pairs.

Support:



Give students some prompting questions such as:

- *Which account earns more interest?*
- *Which account allows you to pay for things online?*
- *Which account comes with a card to pay for things in stores or use an ATM?*
- *Which account can you open at any age?*

Extension:



Students can answer the following questions:

- *Do you think it is best to have only one type of account or to split your money into savings and transaction accounts?*
- *Why might this be useful?*

Activity 2: What is interest?

Students will create a brief storybook for younger children explaining what interest is. It can be handwritten or made digitally using Canva or a similar platform. Students can work in pairs to complete their books.

Their storybooks should include:

- A title
- An example of characters opening a savings account and earning interest
- A clear definition in your own words of what interest is
- Drawings to illustrate your story
- Option to also include a transaction account in the story

Support:

Provide students with a graphic organiser to organise their story before they start working on the final copy.



Extension:

Students can research what banks do with your money when they put it in a savings account.



Conclusion

Ask students to respond to the essential question posed at the beginning of the lesson.

Ask if they still have any questions about the content presented in the video. Discuss and answer these questions as a class.



Savings vs. Current Accounts

Research and compare the benefits of each type of account in the table below.

Savings Account	Current Account



Savings vs. Transaction Accounts

Research and compare the benefits of each type of account in the table below.

Savings Account	Transaction Account