

Once Upon a Dime

Grade 2

5 skill lessons · 3 math-through-reading

Skill lessons

5 lessons on the mathematics the book carries. Each lesson has printable workbook pages and a separate teacher key.

1. The Four Crops the Tree Grew

Concept · Coin worth: penny, nickel, dime, quarter

2. The Mixing Years: How Many Coins in All

Application · Adding two groups of coins to find how many a crop holds in all

3. Four Ways to Pick a Dollar

Fluency · Skip-counting coin worth by fives, tens and twenty-fives to one dollar

4. Small Coin, Big Worth

Reasoning · Comparing what a coin is worth against how big it looks

5. A Quarter of a Quart

Representation · Partitioning a whole into four equal parts and naming one of them

Math through the reading

The mathematics is reached through a sentence the book prints: change one word in the reading and the numbers change with it. These carry their own standards, matched against these lessons rather than inherited from the skill ones.

6. One Number, Two Crops

Integrated · Students build the crop the book's sentence grows and the crop a two-word change grows, then count the fifty-coin gap between the two mats.

7. The Total the Narrator Never Says

Integrated · Students find the number the book withholds — how many coins the first mixing year grew — and hand it in with the sentence that fixes it.

8. Fifty More, Fifty Fewer

Integrated · Students lay the plain penny crop against the mixed one, count the gap off the strips, and say that one gap in both directions without changing what is true.

Reading and language lessons

5 lessons on the reading and language the book carries - what a word means in its sentence, how a character is shown, how a text is built. No mathematics: these are matched against the English language arts curricula, which are a different and smaller set than the mathematics ones.

9. As Happy as a Pig in a Puddle: Reading a Comparison

Language · Similes and Comparison Language

10. Pinged and Tinged, Clinked and Plinked: Words That Make the Noise

Language · Words That Imitate Sounds

11. In Just One Week, That Fall, The Following Spring: Words That Carry Time

Reading · Time Words and Sequence in Retelling

12. Aren't Big Enough, Corrected Miss True: Who Is Talking and How

Discussion · Tracking Speakers in Dialogue

13. Plain Old Regular, and the Line That Comes Back: Why an Author Repeats

Reading · Repeated Words and Lines in a Story