

SAVE AND SPEND

Ages 11-14

Activity Idea

Ask your young person to think about the **ADVANTAGES** and **DISADVANTAGES** of having a bank or building society account.

If they are not sure, they could do some online research. Encourage them to consider the following advantages and disadvantages:

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Easy access to your money	You need ID to open an account
You can earn interest on your money	Having a bank account means you are traceable
You can get your salary or benefit paid into your account	When your money is in the bank you cannot control how the bank uses your money
You can access other banking facilities including overdrafts and statements	Your money may not be immediately accessible especially if you lose your card

Now ask them to think about how banks and building societies can help us manage our money.

Give them these three headings – each is an area of money management that banks and building societies can help with. Task them with matching the services below with the different areas of money management.

Spend		Save		Store	
a	Help us track our money	e	Make payments to other people		
b	Pay interest on our savings	f	Withdraw cash from machines so we have money to spend		
c	Pay for bills directly	g	Keep our money safe in bank accounts		
d	Pay for goods in store using a card or with money from our account	h	Help us build up our money to buy something		

Explain how important it is to have a bank account and how useful they can be later in life. Emphasise that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Then challenge them to take the *What Do Banks and Building Societies Do? True or False Quiz* which can be found on page 2. This will help clarify the role of these organisations and also dispel any myths. You can provide the answers below or you could task your young person with finding them out online. They could even create their own quiz about banking to test the family's knowledge.

Quiz Answers

T = True; F = False

1. F	2. T	3. F	4. T	5. T	6. T	7. T	8. T	9. F	10. F
11. T	12. F	13. F	14. T	15. T					

WHAT DO BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES DO?

True or False Quiz

1. They will lend money to people under 18
2. They will ask you to give proof of your identity when you open an account
3. They can close your account without letting you know
4. They will tell you what information they have about you on their computers
5. They help people who get into debt
6. They charge interest if they lend you some money
7. They provide services over the internet
8. They will lend you money to buy a house
9. They only pay interest to people who have banked with them for at least one year
10. The banks and building societies on your high street will print bank notes
11. They give advice to large businesses
12. People who work for banks and building societies can take as much as they want out of cash machines
13. They only look after your money if you have a certain level of income
14. They will help you to manage your money
15. They send their customers regular statements about the money in their accounts