

Future Friday

Dream about what they want to save for and how they can reach big goals over time.

Activity: "Dreams & Steps Drawing"

Goal: Encourage goal setting without focusing on money.

How it works:

- Think about one big dream (can be anything: learning to swim, reading 10 books, visiting a park).
- Draw their dream and then draw 3 steps they can take to get closer to it (practicing, asking for help, saving time).
- Share drawings and talk about how planning helps achieve dreams.

No money needed, just creativity and thinking ahead.

1. What is a long-term savings goal?

- A) Something you can buy today
 - B) Something small you want now
 - C) Something you save for over weeks, months, or years
 - D) Something you only dream about
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2. Which of these is a long-term goal?

- A) A packet of crisps
 - B) A new game next week
 - C) Saving for a bicycle
 - D) Buying sweets after school
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3. Why do people set long-term goals?

- A) To keep spending
- B) To make their wallet lighter
- C) To plan ahead and reach big dreams

D) To avoid saving

4. What could a child in Ireland save for long-term?

- A) A school tour
 - B) A PlayStation
 - C) Summer camp
 - D) All of the above
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5. What does “patience” mean when saving for something big?

- A) Buying something quickly
 - B) Waiting and saving over time
 - C) Asking others to buy it
 - D) Getting bored
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6. What does a goal need to be “SMART”?

- A) Secret, Magical, Amazing, Real, Timed
 - B) Simple, Messy, Awesome, Round, Tall
 - C) Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-based
 - D) Silly, Money-filled, Artistic, Random, Thoughtful
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7. If you save €5/£5 every week, how much will you have in 10 weeks?

- A) €15/£15
 - B) €25/£25
 - C) €50/£50
 - D) €100/£100
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8. What is something practical that kids studying might save for?

- A) A unicorn

- B) School uniforms and books
 - C) A ski trip
 - D) A castle
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9. What should you do if your goal is very big (like saving for college or a car)?

- A) Give up
 - B) Save tiny amounts and never check
 - C) Make a plan and save slowly over time
 - D) Buy something else
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10. What is an emergency fund?

- A) A fun holiday
 - B) A savings fund for surprise needs (like a broken phone or vet bill)
 - C) A birthday party
 - D) A fancy meal
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11. Why is goal-setting useful?

- A) To confuse you
 - B) To stop spending money
 - C) To stay focused and motivated
 - D) To waste time
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12. What's one way to track your savings goal?

- A) Ignore it
 - B) Use a savings chart or app
 - C) Guess every few weeks
 - D) Tell nobody
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13. What's an example of a future education goal?

- A) Buying a colouring book
 - B) Saving for college or learning a new skill
 - C) Playing more video games
 - D) Buying sweets for class
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14. If something you're saving for goes on sale, what should you do?

- A) Buy two
 - B) Ignore the sale
 - C) Celebrate – you reached your goal sooner!
 - D) Complain
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15. How do children in the Netherlands learn to save money?

- A) They put coins into a “spaarpot” (piggy bank) at home
 - B) They are encouraged to spend all their allowance immediately
 - C) They give it all to neighbours
 - D) They bury it in the garden
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16. What is compound interest? (*Advanced but simplified*)

- A) Interest that gets added to your savings and earns more over time
 - B) A type of food
 - C) A shopping card
 - D) A board game
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17. What helps you stay motivated to reach a big goal?

- A) Spending money on small things
- B) Keeping your goal visible (poster, jar, tracker)
- C) Forgetting it
- D) Changing the goal every week

18. What could a family in Mexico save for together?

- A) Family holiday
 - B) Quinceañera celebration
 - C) New car
 - D) All of the above
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19. If you change your goal halfway through saving, what should you do?

- A) Start over without thinking
 - B) Cry
 - C) Re-plan your budget and adjust your saving
 - D) Give up
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20. What's the best first step to reach a big dream?

- A) Spend your money
- B) Set a goal and start saving
- C) Tell no one
- D) Wait for someone to buy it for you

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