

CASHY LESSON PLAN



TOPIC

10-DAY PROJECT

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learn to identify different money strategies
Understand work-life balance

SET UP

Go to cashygame.com, log in, and start a 10-day game room
Have your students log into their accounts and join your room by entering the pin.
(Logging in is necessary to save progress in the 10-day version)

IMPORTANT HOW-TO

Each round ends at midnight, the game continues automatically.
Rounds falling on a Friday are set to end on Sunday so the students don't have to play on the weekends.
On the days your class meets, play that day's round together for maximum engagement. Playing one round together and having a discussion would take approximately 5-10min after the first round.
For grading, you can use the worksheet provided at the end of this document.

10-DAY PLAY

Day 1: Get the game set up, the first round walks them through an individual tutorial so let them go through it and explore.

Discussion: Have the students write down two goals for the game. Examples include: grow my money to \$50,000, learn about investing and build an investment strategy in the game, finish with more than 80% happiness, etc.

Did you notice that you had about 5h of free time? Do you know where that comes from? That's time you have left after sleeping, eating, working, and commuting. How would you feel if you

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Only had 1-3h left in a day to spend with family and friends or to relax?

Day 2: Watch last year's summary together, and give time to play year 2.

Discussion: How are you growing your money in the game? Have students shout out their strategies (professional development for a raise in salary, investing, starting a business, getting a side job...), put a list of pros and cons on the board for each strategy, talk through any questions.

Day 3: You can switch discussion and playing time if you like that better.

Discussion: How is your happiness? What do you do in the game to increase your happiness? If you're not doing anything, why? Do the things available in the game affect people's happiness in real life as well? What else affects our happiness? Would you treat your happiness the way you're treating it in the game at the moment?

Day 4: Investing (you don't have to do a discussion each day, and you can certainly pick and choose your topics)

Discussion: Who took the time to read about each investment option and their pros and cons? Name any that you can recall. Who has been also selling any of their previous stocks? How do you choose what to invest in? How do you choose when to sell or what to buy more of? Would you feel comfortable using your in-game investing strategy in real life? What would you do differently?

Day 5: Half-way point! We love to spice up the summary news by doing a drumroll together.

Discussion: Look at the original goals you set for your game - how are they going? Is there anything you need to change about your strategy to reach them? Make predictions on who will win the game and who will be in the TOP 3. Talk through any questions that have come up from previous topics.

Day 6: Having your own business

Discussion: How many of you have started a business on Cashy? How are they going? Have students shout out what their businesses do and how much they are worth at this point in the game. Ask the most successful ones how much time they have put in their businesses each year. You could discuss statistics on how most of GenZ now shops on social media instead of a physical store, and how much time really goes into owning a small business. You could watch some fun day-in-the-life videos on YouTube and discuss them.

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Day 7: Savings.

Discussion: How much money do you have in cash in your game? That is basically your savings account. Did you know most Americans can't afford a \$1000 emergency? Would you feel comfortable living with the amount you have in the game as extra money in your savings? How can you save in real life? What would be a good amount to have set aside (most people recommend starting with saving 3-6 months of your salary and build it to a year's worth)

Day 8: Work-life balance

Discussion: Now that you're through most of the game, how is your happiness? Are you happy with the way you've grown your money so far? What sacrifices have you made throughout the game for money? What about happiness? How do you keep yourself happy? What's your takeaway for happiness in real life?

Day 9: Setting goals in your life

Discussion: What do you think of your goals? If you could start over, would you set different ones or keep them the same? Would you change your strategy?

Day 10: Finale!

Discussion: Congratulations to the winners! How did the game go? Did you reach your goals? What were your main takeaways? What did you do in the game that you would do in real life as well? Was there anything you did in the game that you absolutely wouldn't do in real life?

Let kids know that if they liked the game, they can keep playing on their own at home and try out different strategies - Cashy is free to play for anyone and has different game modes.

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Year	Income	Expenses	Savings	Happiness	Investments	Key activities
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