

# Value of Words

## Why

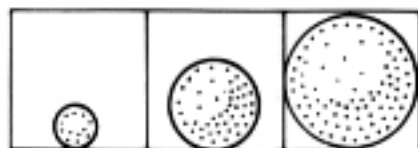
To practice mental arithmetic and estimation while problem-solving

## How

- Assign values to the letters of the alphabet, as shown:
- Have each person in your family find the value of his or her first name.
- Add up the numbers without using paper and pencil if you can.
- What is the most expensive word each of you can find?
- Can you find a word worth exactly \$50? \$100?

## More Ideas

- You and your child may want to make up different activities, such as:
  - Hold a week's contest to find the most expensive word.
  - Use penny values instead of dollars.
  - Find the difference between your first and last names.
  - Multiply the values instead of adding them.
  - Use fractional values, so that  $A = 1/26$ ,  $B = 2/26$ , etc.



Grade Level

## TOOLS

### Pencil Paper

A = \$ 1	N = \$14
B = \$ 2	O = \$15
C = \$ 3	P = \$16
D = \$ 4	Q = \$17
E = \$ 5	R = \$18
F = \$ 6	S = \$19
G = \$ 7	T = \$20
H = \$ 8	U = \$21
I = \$ 9	V = \$22
J = \$10	W = \$23
K = \$11	X = \$24
L = \$12	Y = \$25
M = \$13	Z = \$26

