

MFP GAME - “Candy Grab: Money, Fame, or Popularity?”

A fast-paced sorting game where students decide whether a post is chasing Money, Fame, or Popularity — helping them learn to ask “Who’s getting the candy?” every time they’re online.

Grade Level: 2nd–5th

PE Focus: Agility, decision-making, sprinting, listening

Digital Literacy Focus: Understanding motivation behind social media posts (Money, Fame, Popularity)

Theme: Every post has a purpose. Who's getting the candy?

OBJECTIVE:

Students will race, grab, and sort “Candy Tokens” (cards or beanbags) based on who they believe is *getting the reward* (MONEY, FAME, or POPULARITY) from a media message or post read aloud. This helps them practice asking, “*Who’s getting the candy?*” and identifying the **why** behind content online.

MATERIALS:

- 3 bins, buckets, or hula hoops labeled:
 -  MONEY
 -  FAME
 -  POPULARITY
- A pile of “Candy Tokens” (laminated slips, colored beanbags, or paper cutouts)
- Prompt cards: Scenarios based on social media-style messages (provided below)
- Optional: Music for fun movement between rounds

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Set Up:

- Place the 3 labeled bins at one end of the gym.
- Scatter “Candy Tokens” in the center or other side of the gym.
- Line students up in teams or lines at a starting point.

2. Teacher Reads a Prompt:

Examples:

- “This video says: ‘Click here to win a free phone!’”
- “Someone posts a funny video to get likes from their friends.”
- “A celebrity says, ‘Buy my shirt to be cool like me!’”

3. Students Decide:

Each student listens and decides:

Is the post about MONEY, FAME, or POPULARITY?

4. CANDY GRAB!

- On “Go!”, each student runs to grab a Candy Token from the middle.
- They sprint to place it in the bin that matches their answer (💰, ★, or 🎉).
- Return to the line or their team’s cone.

5. Review (Optional):

After a few rounds, pause and ask:

- “Who picked *MONEY*? Why?”
- “Who thought it was *FAME*?”
- “Who went for *POPULARITY*? What made you choose that?”

6. Repeat with New Prompts:

Play several rounds. Add silly or tricky prompts to make it fun and challenging.

10 Prompt Examples:

1. “Watch my new video and click the link to buy my sneakers!”
2. “This kid does a backflip and everyone likes the post.”
3. “A news site says: ‘Aliens are coming — click to find out more!’”
4. “Post this photo and you’ll look super cool!”
5. “A popular streamer asks for donations to support their channel.”
6. “A funny dog video goes viral — everyone’s sharing it.”
7. “Someone says: ‘If I get 1,000 likes, I’ll dye my hair blue!’”
8. “A brand pays someone to wear their clothes in a video.”
9. “A person posts a mean joke — lots of people laugh and share it.”
10. “Someone shares a tip to help others beat a tricky level in a game.”

VARIATIONS:

- **Team Play:** Teams earn points for correct sorting.
- **Relay Style:** Add hurdles or cones between zones.
- **Freeze Feature:** Call “Media Master Freeze!” and ask kids to justify their choice.

CLOSING DISCUSSION:

Ask:

- “Why do people post things online?”
- “Is it okay to want candy like fame or popularity?”

- “What should we do before we like or share something?”

20 Additional Prompt Examples

1.  “A kid says, ‘Like this post if you love recess!’”
2.  “A video says, ‘Buy this slime kit NOW before it’s gone!’”
3.  “A famous YouTuber makes a funny face and gets 3 million views.”
4.  “An ad says: ‘Only \$9.99! Get your superhero costume today!’”
5.  “Someone posts a cool trick shot video just to impress their friends.”
6.  “A kid brags online: ‘I scored the most points in the game today!’”
7.  “This app keeps showing ads for new shoes every time you play.”
8.  “A classmate posts a silly dance video to get more followers.”
9.  “An online store asks: ‘Wanna be cool? Buy this backpack!’”
10.  “A picture of a dog with sunglasses gets 1,000 likes.”
11.  “A kid shares a post saying, ‘Look how many trophies I’ve won!’”
12.  “This post says: ‘Click here to win \$100 — only today!’”
13.  “A video says, ‘Let’s prank our teacher — it’ll go viral!’”
14.  “A singer shares a selfie with fans to get more followers.”
15.  “A website makes up a scary story so you’ll visit it again and again.”
16.  “A player shows off their new game avatar to get friends to comment.”
17.  “A cooking video tells you to buy a special pan at the end.”

18. 🎉 “Someone copies a trending video to try and get noticed.”
19. ⭐ “A kid keeps posting their artwork to get people to say ‘Wow!’”
20. 💰 “This ad says: ‘The secret to being famous? Buy our guide!’”

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