Session 5: Money in Real Life

Learners connect financial skills to everyday situations. The session covers digital safety, fraud awareness, and guides them to create a final personal money plan for independent living.

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Before we start

In the last four sessions, we learned about needs and wants, earning money, making a budget, saving, SIP, mutual funds, and compounding. Now let us bring everything together. Money is not just about numbers on paper. It is also about the choices we make every day and the risks we need to watch out for.

Session objective

By the end of this session, you will be able to:

Revise the main ideas from the previous sessions, Make safer money choices in daily life, Identify red flags of financial fraud, Understand the difference between regulated and unregulated financial entities, Understand simple digital payment safety, Create a small personal money plan.

A short story

Rahul is 18 years old and recently started using UPI for small purchases. One day, he gets a message saying he has won a cashback of ₹5,000. The message asks him to click a link and enter his UPI PIN to claim the reward. He feels excited for a moment. Then he remembers something he learned in a session. He stops and checks carefully. The message looks suspicious. It is asking for his PIN. No real cashback ever asks for that. He decides not to click. He shows it to a staff member, who confirms it is a fraud attempt. That one small pause saved him from losing money.

Part 1: Quick revision

Instructions: Fill in the blanks from memory based on what you have learned in previous sessions.

Question	Your answer
Needs are	
Wants are	
The 50-30-20 rule means	
A payslip shows	
SIP means	
A mutual fund is	
Compounding means	

Part 2: Digital money safety

Today, most people use UPI and mobile payments. That is useful and fast. But we must stay careful.

Important safety rules:

- Never share your OTP with anyone, not even someone claiming to be from a bank.
- Never share your UPI PIN with anyone, for any reason.
- Do not click unknown links received on WhatsApp, SMS, or email.
- Do not trust fake customer care numbers found on Google or social media.
- Always check the name before sending money via UPI.
- Use only trusted and official apps.
- If something feels odd, stop and ask a staff member or facilitator.

Instructions: Review each situation and write down the safe action you should take.

Situation	What should you do?

You get a message asking for your UPI PIN	
You receive a link saying you won a prize	
Someone calls saying they are from your bank	
The payment receiver name looks unfamiliar	
A stranger offers to help you with UPI	

Part 3: Red flags of financial fraud

Fraud does not always look obvious. Sometimes it looks like a great opportunity.

Red flag	What it looks like
Very high or guaranteed returns	"We will give you 50% returns every month, guaranteed"
Pressure to act immediately	"Last few hours left, invest now or lose the offer"
Money asked to a personal bank account	"Transfer to this personal account, not a company account"
Payment asked to claim a gift or job	"Pay ₹500 to unlock your prize" or "Pay ₹1,000 to confirm your job offer"
No official paperwork or registration	No receipt, no official name, no registration number
Promises that sound too good to be true	If it sounds unbelievably good, it usually is not real

Instructions: Read each situation and decide if it represents a safe opportunity or a red flag for fraud.

Situation	Safe or Red flag?
A bank sends an official email with your account details	
Someone on WhatsApp offers 40% monthly returns	
A company asks you to pay to get a job offer	
An official SIP through a SEBI-registered app	

Situation	Safe or Red flag?
A stranger asks you to transfer money to their personal account	

Part 4: Regulated vs unregulated entities

When we invest or borrow money, it is important to use organisations that are officially approved and monitored by the government. These are called regulated entities.

Type	Simple meaning	Examples
Regulated entity	Approved and monitored by a government body	Banks monitored by RBI, mutual funds monitored by SEBI, insurance companies monitored by IRDAI
Unregulated entity	Not approved or monitored by any government body	Chit funds with no registration, informal money lenders

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Reflection

What is one new thing you learned about money in this module?

What is one change you will make in how you handle money?

Who can you talk to if you are unsure about a financial decision?

Quick Recap

Topic	Key Takeaways
Digital Safety	Never share your PIN, OTP, or click suspicious links.
Fraud Prevention	Watch for red flags like "guaranteed high returns" or "payment for jobs."
Regulated Entities	Always use regulated institutions to keep your money safe.

One line to remember

Stay alert and use regulated institutions to keep your money safe.

Closing thought

Managing money is a lifelong skill. It does not need to be perfect from day one. Every small step you take today builds a stronger and safer tomorrow.