Pocket Money

Approach: Station   *Level:* Year 4 and year 8

Focus: Labelling a 4 segment pie graph.

Resources: Macintosh Powerbook 5300cs laptop computer, mouse, mousepad, headphones, Hypercard®
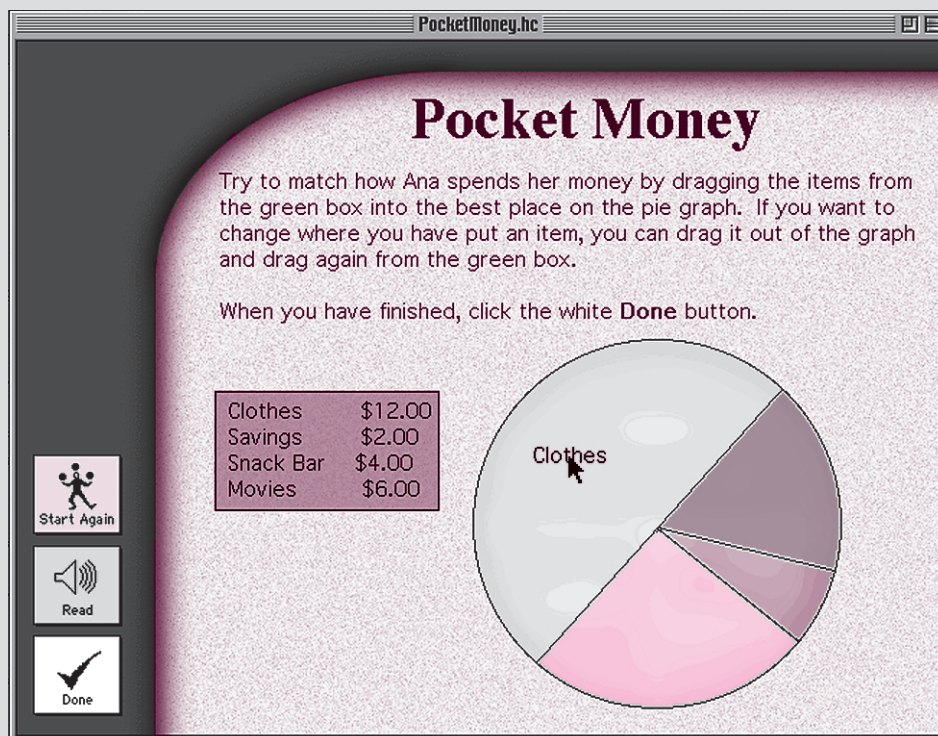programme.

Questions/instructions:	*% responses*	
	year 4	**year 8**

This activity is done on a computer.

The computer should show the home page. If it doesn't tell the teacher.

Click the button that says "Pocket Money". The computer will tell you what to do.

Labelled correctly:		**year 4**	**year 8**
	50% segment	76	97
	25% segment	68	94
	17% segment	69	93
	8% segment	71	95
	all correct	59	92

Commentary:

The results for this task are interesting when compared with the 1995 and 1999 results for *Subject Pie* (p39). The year 8 results are similar for both tasks and both years, but the year 4 results are much more variable. While *Subject Pie* showed a dramatic improvement for year 4 students from 1995 to 1999, the year 4 results for *Pocket Money* are less satisfying. Perhaps the technological requirements of the task limited the success of year 4 students to some degree.