

# Money



Money is something people use to buy the things they want. Different places in the world use different types of money. In most countries, money comes in the form of metal coins and paper bills. Different types of coins and bills are worth different values.

In the United States, each coin and bill has a special name and a specific value. Most U.S. coins are worth less than one dollar, while bills are worth one dollar or more.

There are four main U.S. coins. These coins are made by the U.S. Mint.

**Penny** – A penny is made mostly from a metal called zinc and is worth one cent. It was the first U.S. coin to have a picture of a real person on the front of it. The original portrait of Abraham Lincoln still appears on the penny today. Can you think of something you could buy for one penny?

**Nickel** – A nickel is made mostly of copper and is worth five cents. The first five-cent coins were called “half dimes.” Can you guess why? What is something you could buy with one nickel?

**Dime** – The dime is the smallest U.S. coin but it does not have the smallest value. A dime is worth ten cents and like the nickel is made mostly of copper. Can you think of something you could buy for one dime?

**Quarter** – A quarter is the largest coin both in size and in value. Like the nickel and dime, it too, is made mostly of copper. It is worth twenty-five cents. What could you buy with one quarter?

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In addition to coins, money also comes in the form of paper bills. These paper bills are printed on special paper and are sometimes called notes. Can you guess how many different types of bills are used in the U.S. everyday? While at one time, the number was much higher, there are seven different types of bills mainly used throughout our country today.



**\$1 Bill** – The one-dollar bill is the most common bill, making up almost half of all the bills printed each year. The one-dollar bill has a picture of President George Washington on the front. What is something you could buy with a one-dollar bill?

**\$2 Bill** – The two-dollar bill is the least-used bill. In fact, printing of the two-dollar bill was stopped in 1966 but started again ten years later. President Thomas Jefferson is on the two-dollar bill. What is something you could buy for two dollars?

**\$5 Bill** – The five-dollar bill is also one of the less common bills used today. President Abraham Lincoln is on the front of the five-dollar bill. What would you do with a five-dollar bill?

**\$10 Bill** – The ten-dollar bill has Alexander Hamilton on the front. Did you know he is the only person on a U.S. bill whose face is looking to the left? What could you buy with ten-dollar bill?

**\$20 Bill** – The twenty-dollar bill is the second most common bill, behind the one-dollar bill. President Andrew Jackson is on the twenty-dollar bill. What would you do with a twenty-dollar bill?

**\$50 Bill** – More popular than the two-dollar bill but less popular than the rest is the fifty-dollar bill. President Grant is on the fifty-dollar bill. Have you ever seen a fifty-dollar bill?

**\$100 Bill** – The one-hundred-dollar bill is used a lot in other countries. Benjamin Franklin is on the front of the one-hundred dollar bill. What would you do with a one-hundred-dollar bill?

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# Money: Coins & Bills

What are the main coins and bills used for money in the U.S.?

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Which bill is used the most? Which bill is used the least?

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Why are some bills more used more by people than others?

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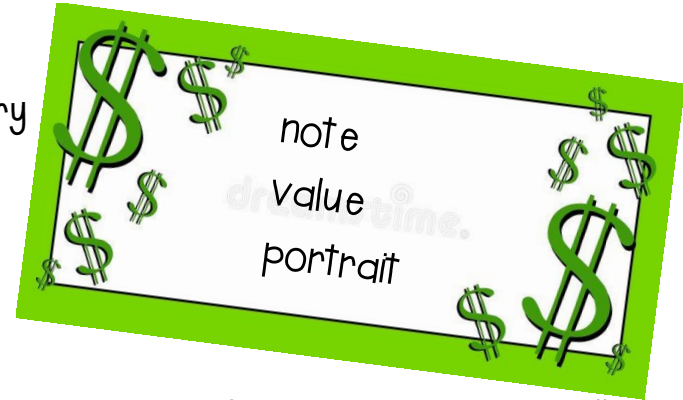
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## vocabulary

Complete the following sentences with the vocabulary word that makes the most sense.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is amount of worth or importance something has.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a picture or engraving of a person that usually includes only their face or head and shoulders.
3. Another word used to describe a paper bill is a \_\_\_\_\_.



Write a sentence using one of the above vocabulary words.

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