

Exploring coins further

A penny for your thoughts

In Canada, they stopped using pennies in 2012 because they were worth so little and it was costing too much money to make them. Taxpayers were saved about \$11 million (£7 million) a year.

New Zealand, Australia, the Netherlands, Finland and Sweden have also stopped using the penny.



People have talked about withdrawing pennies from circulation in this country, but there has always been a public outcry to keep our oldest coin.

Hold a debate: Should we stop using the penny?

Create change in your community



The withdrawal of the penny in Canada prompted many charities to start penny drives. There was a youth-led penny drive called “We Create Change” that collected 140 million pennies, which they said could provide a lifetime of clean drinking water to 56,000 people in developing countries.

Run your own penny drive to raise money for charity.

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The penny dropped

Some very lucky people find coins with metal detectors or just happen upon them. If you have a look at the news, you'll find countless tales of coin discoveries.

Imagine unearthing a very old coin. What would it feel like? How did the coin get buried in that particular spot? Who had held it? Who lost it? **What story could that coin tell?**



See a penny, pick it up, and all the day you'll have good luck!



Depending on where you live in the world, picking up a penny can be lucky or unlucky.

Research some of the different superstitions and traditions about money around the world. Have a go at making your own video on the most interesting ones you find!

In China, these coins are considered to be lucky. Tying three together with red ribbon and carrying them in your pocket is meant to bring you wealth.



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A pretty penny

- Spend a penny
- Penny-wise, pound foolish
- The penny dropped
- In for a penny, in for a pound
- Penny pinching

There are a lot of sayings involving the penny and the pound. What do you think these mean?

Research more money phrases and make a poster featuring your favourite!



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Check out the Royal Mint (www.royalmint.com/kids/) and the Royal Mint Museum (www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning) websites. They have marvelous money activities all about science, black British history, maths, coins around the world, and more.

We're big fans of the Diversity Built Britain Design Challenge and would love to see your designs.