

The Most Beautiful Currencies in the World

Have you ever been in another country and thought, "These people really have some beautiful money?" Whether you liked the colors, the portraits, or the overall design, good looking money is just a little more fun to spend. So, what are the most beautiful currencies in the world?

Take a look at banknotes below. Which of them do you like best? Pick the best three.

1. Faroe Islands (Crowns) 	2. New Zealand (Dollars) 	3. Kazakhstan (Tenge) 	4. Canada (Dollars) 
5. Cook Islands (Dollars) 	6. Bermuda (Dollars) 	7. Bank of Scotland 50-pound 	8. Norway (New Crowns) 

Now match the pictures with the descriptions of the banknotes.

A The International Bank Note Society awards the 'The Banknote of the Year'. This note won it in 2010. It was chosen for its attractiveness and interesting security features. The designers wanted to show the fauna, flora, and sights of the country. It shows a bluebird, Dockyard Tower and Statue of Neptune.	B This note received a prestigious award 'The Banknote of the Year' in 2013. It has nice warm yellow and orange colours and it shows modern Kazak Eli monument on one side and petroglyphic drawings of warriors on the other. Notes from this country were awarded three times in a row.	C Okay, maybe it's not that beautiful, but the asymmetrical design is interesting. These islands, about halfway between Iceland and Norway, have a bleak windswept beauty, and the people have great character. You have to love a place that puts a crab on its money.	D Another 'Banknote of the Year' winner. This banknote is bigger than usual and shows Sir Walter Scott, a famous writer on top and an impressive machine on the other. The wheel is a lift for boats that flows on canals in the country. The writing on this side is minimal to create even more impressive effect.
E These islands are still in the middle of nowhere, halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii without the crowds of tourists to spoil the place. Maybe that is why the woman is so calm and happy even when she's riding a giant shark. Come to think of it even the shark looks happy.	F It is only natural that a country with almost 101,000 km long coastline will choose the sea as a theme for its new banknotes. The new notes will be issued in 2017 and perhaps this innovative design will find its way into the wallets of these sea loving people.	G Sir Edmund Hillary who at 33 was the first man on the top of Mt Everest is portrayed with weather-crikkled eyes and windswept hair. His original job was, surprisingly, a beekeeper. The new improved version of this note became the 'The Banknote of the Year' in 2015.	H The verse on this banknote comes from a short story and reads: "The winters of my childhood were long, long seasons. We lived in three places - the school, the church and the skating rink - but our real life was on the skating rink."

Find the answers. Be quick.

- Who awards 'The Banknote of the Year'?
- How many notes received this award?
- Which country received this award repeatedly?
- Which of these notes isn't used yet?
- What was the job of Sir Edmund Hillary?
- Which note has a famous person on it?
- How long is Norwegian coastline?
- Which country can be described as lying in the middle of nowhere?
- Where are the people described as having great character?
- What do the countries usually want to show on their notes?