

## Currencies in ESC

Fill the text with these missing words.

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| Southern Cross     | native birds    | currency     | Dollar     | eagle    | events |
| George Washington  | kiwi dollar     | Maori tattoo | Banknotes  | nickel   | cents  |
| Sir Edmund Hillary | Pound Sterling  | Maori        | USD        | wildlife |        |
| Winston Churchill  | pence (1 penny) | monarch      | aboriginal |          |        |

**The United Kingdom (UK)** uses the British \_\_\_\_\_ (GBP) as its official currency. The currency is often simply referred to as the "pound." The pound is divided into \_\_\_\_\_. Commonly used coins include 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, £1, and £2. Banknotes come in various denominations, with the most common being £5, £10, £20, and £50.

British banknotes feature prominent historical figures and notable landmarks. For example, the current £5 note features the \_\_\_\_\_. Coins in the UK bear the image of \_\_\_\_\_ on the obverse side, and the reverse side features various designs representing different aspects of British culture, history, and geography.



**The United States** uses the United States Dollar (\_\_\_\_\_) as its official currency. Commonly used coin denominations include 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (\_\_\_\_\_), 10 cents (dime), 25 cents (quarter), and rarely used coins such as half-dollars (50 cents) and dollar coins.

\_\_\_\_\_ ("bills" in American English) feature prominent historical figures and iconic landmarks. For example, the \$1 bill depicts a portrait of the first President of the United States, \_\_\_\_\_, while the \$5 bill features Abraham Lincoln, and the \$100 bill features Benjamin Franklin.

There is an \_\_\_\_\_ on some US currency which is the national bird and a symbol of the United States. It is an iconic emblem of American patriotism, freedom, and strength, and it has been associated with the country since its early days.



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**Canada** uses the Canadian \_\_\_\_\_ (CAD) as its official currency. It is divided into cents. Canadian banknotes feature prominent Canadians, historical events, and iconic symbols. Canadian



coins bear various designs representing different aspects of Canadian culture, history, and \_\_\_\_\_ – eg. the \$2 coin, known as the "toonie," has a polar bear.



**Australia** uses the Australian Dollar (AUD) as its official currency. It is divided into cents. Australian banknotes feature prominent Australians, various \_\_\_\_\_, and other iconic symbols. For example, the \$5 note features Queen Elizabeth II and a depiction of the Eastern Spinebill bird. Australian coins bear various designs representing native wildlife, cultural symbols, and historical figures. The \$1 and \$2 coins often feature \_\_\_\_\_ art or depictions of the \_\_\_\_\_ constellation.



**New Zealand** uses the New Zealand Dollar (NZD) as its official \_\_\_\_\_, divided into \_\_\_\_\_. New Zealand coins bear various designs representing native wildlife, \_\_\_\_\_ culture, and historical figures. The \$1 coin, often referred to as the "\_\_\_\_\_," features a bird, which is New Zealand's national symbol.

New Zealand banknotes feature notable New Zealanders, important historical \_\_\_\_\_, and indigenous symbols. For example, the \$5 note features \_\_\_\_\_ and Mount Cook, and the \$50 note features Sir Apirana Ngata and the moko (\_\_\_\_\_).





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Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. The official currency of the United Kingdom is commonly known as the "penny."
2. British banknotes feature historical figures and landmarks, while coins bear designs representing American culture and history.
3. The \$1 bill in the United States depicts Benjamin Franklin.
4. The Canadian \$2 coin, known as the "toonie," features a depiction of the Eastern Spinebill bird.
5. The New Zealand \$50 note features Sir Apirana Ngata and the haka (traditional Maori dance).

Answer the following questions both based on the information from the text and information you'll find online.

1. Describe the images typically found on the obverse and reverse sides of coins in the United Kingdom.
2. What is the national bird and symbol of the United States, and where is it depicted on some US currency?
3. Describe the key features of the Canadian \$2 coin, commonly known as the "toonie," and explain the significance of the design.
4. Identify and describe one prominent Australian featured on an Australian banknote, and provide details about their contributions or significance.
5. Explore the themes and symbols found on the New Zealand \$50 note, including the notable New Zealander featured and the representation of indigenous symbols.