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Level 4 – 23rd November

U.S. brings an end to production of one-cent coin

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261116-ground-stop-at-us-airports-4.html

The U.S. has ended production of its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump signed the Common Cents Act. The coin will still be legal tender. The US Mint stopped making the penny in November 2025. Businesses now have to round cash transactions up or down to the nearest five cents. Discontinuing the penny was an economic decision. In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The bill's author said the US would save $85 million per year.

The penny dates back to the founding years of the USA. Congress set up the US Mint in 1792. The penny has seen many design changes. Early designs included an image of Liberty. In 1909, it featured a portrait of President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate 100 years since his birth. Rising manufacturing costs gradually made the coin too expensive to make. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed as a burden" to businesses.

Sources: https://www.**cbsnews.com**/news/trump-signs-common-cents-act-into-law/
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. production of	a. five cents
2. The coin will still be legal	b. Mint
3. The US	c. to produce
4. round cash transactions	d. per year
5. to the nearest	e. up
6. an economic	f. its one-cent coin
7. each coin cost 3.69 cents	g. decision
8. the US would save $85 million	h. tender

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. The penny dates back to the	a. portrait
2. Congress set	b. to businesses
3. The penny has seen many	c. costs
4. Early designs included an	d. up the US Mint in 1792
5. it featured a	e. since his birth
6. commemorate 100 years	f. founding years
7. rising manufacturing	g. image of Liberty
8. viewed as a burden	h. design changes

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.S. has (1) _____ its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump signed the Common Cents Act. The coin will still (2) _____. The US Mint stopped making the penny in November 2025. Businesses now have to (3) _____ up or down (4) _____ five cents. Discontinuing the penny was (5) _____. In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The (6) _____ the US would save $85 million per year.

The penny dates back to the (7) _____ the USA. Congress (8) _____ US Mint in 1792. The penny has seen many design changes. Early designs (9) _____ of Liberty. In 1909, it featured a portrait of President Abraham Lincoln (10) _____ years since his birth. Rising manufacturing (11) _____ the coin too expensive to make. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed (12) _____" to businesses.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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centstoproduce.Thebill'sauthorsaidtheUSwouldsave$85millionpery
ear.ThepennydatesbacktothefoundingyearsoftheUSA.Congressset
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COINS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about coins in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **coins** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.