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

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THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261123-penny-coin.html

The United States has officially brought an end to the production of its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump signed the Common Cents Act on Friday. However, the coin will remain legal tender and continue circulating. The US Mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny (the nickname for the coin) in November 2025. Businesses now have to round cash transactions up or down to the nearest five cents when exact change is unavailable. The decision to discontinue minting the penny was an economic one. In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The bill's author, Lisa McClain, said: "This legislation will save $85 million per year by permanently ending penny production. It's common sense."

The penny's history dates back to the founding years of the United States. Congress established the US Mint in 1792. The following year, the mint distributed more than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny underwent numerous design changes. Early designs included an image of Liberty, a Native American chief's headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a portrait of former President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the centenary of his birth. The last major redesign was in 2010. Rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined the coin's viability, consigning it to history. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed as a burden to businesses, banks, government, and the public".

Sources: https://www.**cbsnews.com**/news/trump-signs-common-cents-act-into-law/
https://www.**aol.com**/articles/trump-formally-ends-minting-penny-033250000.html
https://en.**wikipedia.org**/wiki/Penny_(United_States_coin)

WARM-UPS

1. COINS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about coins. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

> United States / one cent / coin / legal tender / manufacturing / cash / common sense history / penny / design changes / liberty / eagle / portrait / centenary / history

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. CASHLESS: Students A **strongly** believe cashless is best; Students B **strongly** believe cash is best. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PAYMENTS: What are the good and bad things about these forms of payment? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Coins		
Credit cards		
Cryptocurrency		
Banknotes		
Mobile payments		
Prepaid cards		

5. MINT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "mint". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WE NEED COINS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things we need coins for most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Vending machines
- Buses
- Tips
- Game machines
- Laundry machines
- Public toilets
- Coin lockers
- Saving money

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	officially	a.	Money that the law says people can use to pay for things.
2.	legal tender	b.	An informal name that people use for someone or something.
3.	circulating	c.	A set of laws or a new law.
4.	nickname	d.	Being used by different people to buy things.
5.	transactions	e.	Completely correct, with nothing missing or different.
6.	exact	f.	In a formal or official way.
7.	legislation	g.	The act of buying or selling something.

Paragraph 2

8.	underwent	h.	Many.
9.	numerous	i.	A picture of a person's face.
10.	portrait	j.	Something that causes problems or makes life difficult for someone.
11.	commemorate	k.	The ability to continue working or being successful.
12.	viability	l.	To do something special to remember a person or an important event.
13.	consigning it to history	m.	Experienced or had changes.
14.	burden	n.	Causing something to become part of the past and no longer be used.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261123-penny-coin.html

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The Common Sense Act brought the end of the one-cent coin. **T / F**
2. People can continue to use the coin to pay for things. **T / F**
3. The US Mint stopped production of the coin in 2025. **T / F**
4. The coin cost more than three times to produce than its face value. **T / F**
5. The penny coin was first minted over 200 years ago. **T / F**
6. The article says the first coins had Abraham Lincoln on them. **T / F**
7. The last time the coin was redesigned was last century. **T / F**
8. Wikipedia stated the coin had become a burden for businesses. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1. production	a. image
2. signed	b. spreading
3. circulating	c. gave out
4. exact	d. manufacture
5. permanently	e. ultimately
6. established	f. forever
7. distributed	g. penned
8. portrait	h. celebrate
9. commemorate	i. precise
10. eventually	j. set up

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. officially brought an end	a. numerous design changes
2. the coin will remain legal	b. sense
3. round cash transactions	c. the coin's viability
4. when exact change is	d. tender
5. It's common	e. to the founding years
6. The penny's history dates back	f. unavailable
7. The penny underwent	g. to history
8. commemorate the centenary	h. to the production
9. costs gradually undermined	i. of his birth
10. consigning it	j. up or down

GAP FILL

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The United States has (1) _____ brought an end to the production of its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump signed the Common Cents Act on Friday. However, the coin will remain legal (2) _____ and continue circulating. The US Mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny (the (3) _____ for the coin) in November 2025. Businesses now have to round cash (4) _____ up or down to the nearest five cents when exact change is unavailable. The decision to discontinue (5) _____ the penny was an economic one. In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The bill's (6) _____, Lisa McClain, said: "This legislation will save $85 million per year by (7) _____ ending penny production. It's (8) _____ sense."

transactions

officially

permanently

minting

nickname

common

author

tender

The penny's history (9) _____ back to the founding years of the United States. Congress established the US Mint in 1792. The following year, the (10) _____ distributed more than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny underwent (11) _____ design changes. Early designs included an image of Liberty, a Native American chief's headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a (12) _____ of former President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the (13) _____ of his birth. The last major (14) _____ was in 2010. Rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined the coin's viability, (15) _____ it to history. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed as a (16) _____ to businesses, banks, government, and the public".

numerous

burden

centenary

dates

redesign

portrait

mint

consigning

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) However, the coin will remain legal tender _____
   a. and continue circulate tin
   b. and continue circulating
   c. and continue circulate thing
   d. and continue circle late tin
2) Businesses now have to round cash transactions _____
   a. upper down
   b. up per down
   c. up a down
   d. up or down
3) The decision to discontinue minting the penny was _____
   a. an eco-gnomic one
   b. an ergonomic one
   c. an acrimonious one
   d. an economic one
4) In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 _____
   a. cents two produce
   b. cents too produce
   c. cents to produce
   d. sense to produce
5) This legislation will save $85 million per year by permanently _____
   a. end din penny production
   b. end ding penny production
   c. ending penny production
   d. ending pen-knee production
6) The penny's history dates back to _____
   a. the founding years
   b. the funding years
   c. the foundling years
   d. the foundry years
7) Early designs included an _____
   a. image of Liberty
   b. imaged of Liberty
   c. image off Liberty
   d. images of Liberty
8) President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the centenary _____
   a. of his dearth
   b. of his girth
   c. of his berth
   d. of his birth
9) Rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined _____
   a. the coin's via billeting
   b. the coin's viability
   c. the coin's via ability
   d. the coin's fallibility
10) eventually "viewed as a burden to businesses, banks, government, _____"
   a. and the public
   b. and a public
   c. end the public
   d. and the public's

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The penny's history dates back to the (7) _____ the United States. Congress established the US Mint in 1792. The following year, the (8) _____ than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny underwent (9) _____. Early designs included an image of Liberty, a Native American chief's headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a portrait of former President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate (10) _____ his birth. The last major redesign was in 2010. Rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined (11) _____, consigning it to history. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed as a (12) _____, banks, government, and the public".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is the name of the act that brought an end to the one-cent coin?

2. What will the coin remain being?

3. What is the nickname for the one-cent coin?

4. How much did it cost to make one one-cent coin?

5. How much money will the US save by ending the one-cent coin?

6. When was the US Mint set up?

7. When did the US Mint distribute 11,000 one-cent coins?

8. Why was Abraham Lincoln featured on a one-cent coin?

9. What happened to the coin in 2010?

10. What was the coin being viewed as by banks and businesses?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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1) What is the name of the act that brought an end to the one-cent coin?
a) the US Coinage Act
b) the Common Cents Act
c) the Common Sense Act
d) The Uncommon Cents Act

2) What will the coin remain being?
a) one cent
b) needed for public toilets
c) copper
d) legal tender

3) What is the nickname for the one-cent coin?
a) the sixpence
b) the halfpenny
c) the penny
d) the tuppence

4) How much did it cost to make one one-cent coin?
a) 3.69 cents
b) 3.96 cents
c) 6.39 cents
d) 6.93 cents

5) How much money will the US save by ending the one-cent coin?
a) $84 million
b) $85 million
c) $86 million
d) $87 million

6) When was the US Mint set up?
a) 1792
b) 1793
c) 1794
d) 1795

7) When did the US Mint distribute 11,000 one-cent coins?
a) 1791
b) 1792
c) 1793
d) 1794

8) Why was Abraham Lincoln featured on a one-cent coin?
a) the centenary of his birth
b) He was President at the time.
c) He requested it.
d) for his achievements

9) What happened to the coin in 2010?
a) It was made from aluminium
b) It increased to two cents.
c) It was banned.
d) It was redesigned.

10) What was the coin being viewed as by banks and businesses?
a) necessary
b) an investment
c) a burden
d) a historical record

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Vending Machines

You think using vending machines is the biggest use of coins. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): restaurant tips, coin lockers or saving money.

Role B – Restaurant Tips

You think giving restaurant tips is the biggest use of coins. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): vending machines, coin lockers or saving money.

Role C – Coin Lockers

You think using coin lockers is the biggest use of coins. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): restaurant tips, vending machines or saving money.

Role D – Saving Money

You think saving money is the biggest use of coins. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their uses aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): restaurant tips, coin lockers or vending machines.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'coin' and 'penny'.

coin	**penny**

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning…?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• officially • remain • actually • cash • economic • save	• history • following • changes • featured • gradually • viewed

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.

COINS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'coin'?
3. What do you know about the American one-cent coin?
4. How much do you like the coins in your country?
5. Why do we need coins?
6. Do you think we still need cash?
7. How attached are to your country's currency?
8. What do you think of collecting coins as a hobby?
9. What is the best way to coin it?
10. Do any of the coins in your country have nicknames?

COINS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'penny'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of coins?
15. What do you think of the US dollar?
16. What do you think should be on the two sides of coins?
17. When will coins and banknotes be consigned to history?
18. Do you ever flip a coin?
19. What have you used coins for in the past few days?
20. What questions would you like to ask a coin collector?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The penny's history dates (7) _____ to the founding years of the United States. Congress established the US Mint in 1792. The following year, the mint distributed more than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny (8) _____ numerous design changes. Early designs included an image of Liberty, a Native American chief's headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a portrait of (9) _____ President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the centenary (10) _____ his birth. The last major redesign was in 2010. Rising manufacturing costs gradually (11) _____ the coin's viability, consigning it to history. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed as a (12) _____ to businesses, banks, government, and the public".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

1.	(a) officially	(b) official	(c) officialdom	(d) officials
2.	(a) signatory	(b) signature	(c) signed	(d) signage
3.	(a) a	(b) new	(c) the	(d) every
4.	(a) of	(b) at	(c) for	(d) to
5.	(a) cost	(b) costed	(c) costing	(d) costings
6.	(a) scenes	(b) sense	(c) seance	(d) cents
7.	(a) reverse	(b) passed	(c) past	(d) back
8.	(a) underlined	(b) underwent	(c) undersized	(d) underworld
9.	(a) farmer	(b) firmer	(c) former	(d) framer
10.	(a) as	(b) by	(c) at	(d) of
11.	(a) undetermined	(b) remined	(c) mined	(d) undermined
12.	(a) shout out	(b) burden	(c) offering	(d) profit

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. legal ertden

2. continue itrucingcal

3. cash assntoianrct

4. The decision to ituocsednni minting

5. nlpanemyert ending penny production

6. It's common esens

Paragraph 2

7. Congress istdehsabel the US Mint

8. underwent nouermsu design changes

9. it featured a rroptita

10. commemorate the cenyntaer

11. undermined the coin's ibvyaitil

12. viewed as a udebrn to businesses

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) circulating. The US Mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny (the nickname for the coin)

( ) coin was eventually "viewed as a burden to businesses, banks, government, and the public".

( ) economic one. In 2024, each coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The bill's author, Lisa McClain, said: "This legislation will

( ) headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a portrait of former President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate

( ) in November 2025. Businesses now have to round cash transactions up or down

( ) numerous design changes. Early designs included an image of Liberty, a Native American chief's

( ) save $85 million per year by permanently ending penny production. It's common sense."

( ) the centenary of his birth. The last major redesign was in 2010. Rising manufacturing costs gradually

( ) the Common Cents Act on Friday. However, the coin will remain legal tender and continue

( ) The penny's history dates back to the founding years of the United States. Congress established the

(***1***) The United States has officially brought an end to the production of its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump signed

( ) to the nearest five cents when exact change is unavailable. The decision to discontinue minting the penny was an

( ) undermined the coin's viability, consigning it to history. Wikipedia stated that the

( ) US Mint in 1792. The following year, the mint distributed more than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny underwent

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2611/261123-penny-coin.html

1. coin However, legal remain tender the will .

2. actually had manufacturing Mint penny stopped the The .

3. Businesses cash have now round up transactions to .

4. decision discontinue minting penny The the to .

5. $85 million legislation per save This will year .

6. back Dates of the the to founding USA .

7. Early image included of designs an Liberty .

8. 2010 in last major redesign The was .

9. coin's costs gradually manufacturing Rising the undermined viability .

10. a as burden coin eventually The viewed was .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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The United States has officially *brought / bought* an end to the production of its one-cent coin. President Donald Trump *singed / signed* the Common Cents Act on Friday. However, the coin will remain *legal / legally* tender and continue circulating. The US Mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny (the *nicked name / nickname* for the coin) in November 2025. Businesses now have to *round / square* cash transactions up or down to the nearest five cents when *exactly / exact* change is unavailable. The decision to discontinue *mining / minting* the penny was an economic one. In 2024, *all / each* coin cost 3.69 cents to produce. The bill's author, Lisa McClain, said: "This legislation will save $85 million per year *by / as* permanently ending penny production. It's common *cents / sense*."

The penny's history *dates / date* back to the founding years of the United States. Congress established the US Mint in 1792. The *followed / following* year, the mint distributed more than 11,000 one-cent coins. The penny *underwent / overdone* numerous design changes. Early *designs / design* included an image of Liberty, a Native American *chef's / chief's* headdress, and an eagle. In 1909, it featured a portrait of *former / firmer* President Abraham Lincoln to commemorate the centenary *to / of* his birth. The last major redesign was in 2010. *Rising / Risen* manufacturing costs gradually undermined the coin's viability, consigning it *for / to* history. Wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually "viewed *was / as* a burden to businesses, banks, government, and the public".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _n_t_d St_t_s h_s _ff_c__lly br__ght _n _nd t_ th_ pr_d_ct__n _f _ts _n_-c_nt c__n. Pr_s_d_nt D_n_ld Tr_mp s_gn_d th_ C_mm_n C_nts _ct _n Fr_d_y. H_w_v_r, th_ c__n w_ll r_m__n l_g_l t_nd_r _nd c_nt_n__ c_rc_l_t_ng. Th_ _S M_nt h_d _ct__lly st_pp_d m_n_f_ct_r_ng th_ p_nny (th_ n_ckn_m_ f_r th_ c__n) _n N_v_mb_r 2025. B_s_n_ss_s n_w h_v_ t_ r__nd c_sh tr_ns_ct__ns _p _r d_wn t_ th_ n__r_st f_v_ c_nts wh_n _x_ct ch_ng_ _s _n_v__l_bl_. Th_ d_c_s__n t_ d_sc_nt_n__ m_nt_ng th_ p_nny w_s _n _c_n_m_c _n_. _n 2024, __ch c__n c_st 3.69 c_nts t_ pr_d_c_. Th_ b_ll's __th_r, L_s_ McCl__n, s__d: "Th_s l_g_sl_t__n w_ll s_v_ $85 m_ll__n p_r y__r by p_rm_n_ntly _nd_ng p_nny pr_d_ct__n. _t's c_mm_n s_ns_."

Th_ p_nny's h_st_ry d_t_s b_ck t_ th_ f__nd_ng y__rs _f th_ _n_t_d St_t_s. C_ngr_ss _st_bl_sh_d th_ _S M_nt _n 1792. Th_ f_ll_w_ng y__r, th_ m_nt d_str_b_t_d m_r_ th_n 11,000 _n_-c_nt c__ns. Th_ p_nny _nd_rw_nt n_m_r__s d_s_gn ch_ng_s. __rly d_s_gns _ncl_d_d _n _m_g_ _f L_b_rty, _ N_t_v_ _m_r_c_n ch__f's h__ddr_ss, _nd _n __gl_. _n 1909, _t f__t_r_d _ p_rtr__t _f f_rm_r Pr_s_d_nt _br_h_m L_nc_ln t_ c_mm_m_r_t_ th_ c_nt_n_ry _f h_s b_rth. Th_ l_st m_j_r r_d_s_gn w_s _n 2010. R_s_ng m_n_f_ct_r_ng c_sts gr_d__lly _nd_rm_n_d th_ c__n's v__b_l_ty, c_ns_gn_ng _t t_ h_st_ry. W_k_p_d__ st_t_d th_t th_ c__n w_s _v_nt__lly "v__w_d _s _ b_rd_n t_ b_s_n_ss_s, b_nks, g_v_rnm_nt, _nd th_ p_bl_c".

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the united states has officially brought an end to the production of its onecent coin president donald trump signed the common cents act on friday however the coin will remain legal tender and continue circulating the us mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny the nickname for the coin in november 2025 businesses now have to round cash transactions up or down to the nearest five cents when exact change is unavailable the decision to discontinue minting the penny was an economic one in 2024 each coin cost 369 cents to produce the bills author lisa mcclain said this legislation will save 85 million per year by permanently ending penny production its common sense

the pennys history dates back to the founding years of the united states congress established the us mint in 1792 the following year the mint distributed more than 11000 onecent coins the penny underwent numerous design changes early designs included an image of liberty a native american chiefs headdress and an eagle in 1909 it featured a portrait of former president abraham lincoln to commemorate the centenary of his birth the last major redesign was in 2010 rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined the coins viability consigning it to history wikipedia stated that the coin was eventually viewed as a burden to businesses banks government and the public

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **coins** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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A cashless, digital society is best. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. COINS: Make a poster about coins. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CASH: Write a magazine article about ending the use of cash. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on coins. Ask him/her three questions about coins. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	f	2.	a	3.	d	4.	b	5.	g	6.	e	7.	c
8.	m	9.	h	10.	i	11.	l	12.	k	13.	n	14.	j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1	F	2	T	3	T	4	T	5	T	6	F	7	F	8	T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. g	3. b	4. i	5. f
6. j	7. c	8. a	9. h	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The Common Cents Act
2. Legal tender
3. The penny
4. 3.69 cents
5. $85 million
6. In 1792
7. In 1793
8. The centenary of his birth
9. It was redesigned
10. A burden

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. However, the coin will remain legal tender.
2. The Mint had actually stopped manufacturing the penny.
3. Businesses now have to round cash transactions up.
4. The decision to discontinue minting the penny.
5. This legislation will save $85 million per year.
6. Dates back to the founding of the USA.
7. Early designs included an image of Liberty.
8. The last major redesign was in 2010.
9. Rising manufacturing costs gradually undermined the coin's viability.
10. The coin was eventually viewed as a burden.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1.	a	2.	c	3.	b	4.	d	5.	a	6.	d	7.	b	8.	d	9.	c	10.	b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)