

It's raining coins!

Coins are easy to collect - even if it's just for fun because you think they are pretty or interesting. You can collect coins from all over the world, too! There's a lot of history in those metal circles! You can learn about presidents, states, historical events, other countries, and more. Coin collecting is a hobby that you can enjoy for your entire life!

Depending upon how rare a coin is, and its condition, some coins can be worth a lot more than the amount printed on the coin. If only a few examples of a coin are known to exist, then it could be rare and valuable. Condition is the shape the coin is in. The best condition is known as "mint" condition, meaning it looks as good today as when it was made at a US mint (factory where coins are made). The more used a coin is, the less it is worth.

Here's an easy and inexpensive way to start a coin collection:

On the quarter, there are designs for all 50 US States. Start collecting one quarter with each state on it. First, look through your piggy bank. Ask the adults in your family to look through their quarters.

Challenge:

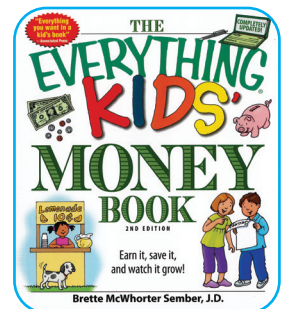
- How many different quarters do you have?
- Can you add to your collection using your families' quarters?

Did you know?

Coins have been in circulation for over **2,600 years!**

Families! Money activities at your fingertips!

We're always looking for financial literacy resources that help families pass on good financial habits to their kids. **The Everything Kids Money Book**, by Brette McWhorter Sember, J.D., has 30 puzzles and great information to help parents and kids discover the fascinating world of money!



Keep the change!

There are 6 kinds of U.S. coins in circulation:

- One cent → Penny
- Five cent → Nickel
- Ten cent → Dime
- Twenty-five cent → Quarter
- Fifty cent → Half Dollar
- Dollar

There are a few things that have to be on every coin made in America (there's a lot of info on those little coins!):

- A. The word "Liberty"
- B. The words "In God We Trust"
- C. The words "United States of America"
- D. The words "E Pluribus Unum"

→ That's Latin for "Out of many, one" meaning that many states together make up our one country!

- E. The date
- F. How much the coin is worth

Gather some coins and look at them.

How do they put all of this stuff on a coin? How are the coins different?

Design your own coin!

Special coins were created to mark special events in our history, such as the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, the 200th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the 400th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus discovery of America.

- What or who would you put on it?
- Would it look like a shiny penny or a silvery nickel?
- How much would it be worth?

Coin search!

Circle all of the items noted in the A through F section on the enlarged quarter! Can you find them all?

