

Money map

The notes and coins used in a country are called its currency. There are 180 different currencies used around the world – here are some amazing facts about a few of them!

China

1 yuan = 11p

FACT!

The word yuan literally means 'round object'. A perfect way of describing a coin.



Canada

1 Canadian dollar = 59p

FACT!

Canada's currency is nicknamed the loonie, because a waterbird called a loon appears on the \$1 coin. The \$2 coin is called a toonie!



Write the name of a country you're going to visit – or one you'd like to:

Now find out which currency they use and how much it's worth:

1 _____ = _____ p

Thailand

1 baht = 2p

FACT!

Be careful with Thai money – it has the King's face on it, and you can be sent to prison for damaging his picture!



Did you know..?

The oldest coins in the world were made in 630 BCE in Lydia (now part of Western Turkey).

Guatemala

1 quetzal = 10p

FACT!

The quetzal is named after a colourful bird. In ancient times, the bird's tail feathers were used as money.



Uruguay

1 Uruguayan peso = 2p

FACT!

Uruguay is one of eight countries in the world with a currency called a peso – the Spanish word for 'weight'.



Madagascar

100 ariary = 2p

FACT!

This money is divided into five smaller units, not 100 like most currencies.



Australia

1 Australian dollar = 55p

An Australian \$1 million coin is the biggest in the world – it weighs over a tonne. The gold it's made of is worth more than £32 million!

FACT!

