



# Penny, nickel & dime - money phrases and idioms



# Let's get started

with a warm-up

Match the terms for money to their value.

buck

dime

nickel

penny

quarter



Let's check your answers.

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dime

nickel

penny

quarter



penny



nickel



dime



quarter



buck



**Let's learn some  
money phrases  
and idioms**

# Complete the phrases and idioms below with the words in the box. [part 1/2]

big

make

dozen

other

every

pincher

five

two

flip

- A. put in one's ..... cents → express one's opinion
- B. be a dime a ..... → be very common and not valuable
- C. a ..... and dime → a store that sells small items at low prices
- D. .... bucks → a large amount of money
- E. .... a quick buck → earn money easily and quickly

# Complete the phrases and idioms below with the words in the box. [part 2/2]

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- F. a penny ..... → a person who is unwilling to spend money
- G. be worth ..... penny → be worth all the money
- H. the ..... side of the coin → a different way of considering a situation
- I. .... a coin → throw a coin in the air to decide between two choices

## Let's check your answers. [part 1/2]

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## Let's check your answers. [part 2/2]

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**It's speaking time!**



## Discuss the questions. [part 1/2]

- How often do you flip a coin to make a decision? Do you believe in fate?
- Talk about one thing you bought that was worth every penny.
- What can you buy in five and dimes in your country? Do you go there often? What things do you usually buy there?
- Who is a penny pincher among your friends and family? Are you a penny pincher?



## Discuss the questions. [part 2/2]

- Have you ever made a quick buck? How did you do that?
- What academic degrees are a dime a dozen nowadays?
- Do you know anybody who always puts in his/her two cents even when they are not experts in the discussed topic? Does that behaviour annoy you?
- What professions in your country earn big bucks? How has it changed over the years?

**Thanks!**