

Fun facts about money

It's fun to earn money, isn't it? If you're like many kids, you have been paid with dollars or coins for your allowance or chores. Have you ever wondered where that money comes from?

Here are some fun facts I'd like you to know:

- Bills are printed in two cities, Washington D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas.
- The average life of a bill can vary. The \$1 bill typically lasts only 5.8 years. By comparison, a \$20 bill lasts 7.9 years and a \$100 bill lasts 15 years.
- Producing a sheet of bills takes several days and uses a variety of presses and printing techniques.
- It costs about 11 cents to print bills in the denominations from \$5 to \$50.

Sources: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, federalreserve.org and U.S. Currency Education Program, uscurrency.gov

Did you know?

George Washington was the first president of the United States, but he wasn't the first president to appear on a U.S. coin. In 1909, President Abraham Lincoln appeared on a one-cent coin.

Check out who appears on these bills and coins:

- \$1 = George Washington
- \$2 = Thomas Jefferson
- \$5 = Abraham Lincoln
- \$10 = Alexander Hamilton
- \$20 = Andrew Jackson
- \$50 = Ulysses S. Grant
- \$100 = Benjamin Franklin
- Penny = Abraham Lincoln
- Nickel = Thomas Jefferson
- Dime = Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Quarter = George Washington
- Half Dollar = John F. Kennedy
- Dollar = Jim Thorpe and Sacagawea (people vary by year)

Sources: The U.S. Mint, usmint.gov/learn/kids/about-us

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