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# MAY

## Lucky Penny Day



May 23 is **Lucky Penny Day**. I know, I know, here in the United States we have cents and not pennies. Most likely we borrowed the term from the British who really do have pennies. Like it or not, the great majority of Americans call our one cent denomination pennies and so while the word may grate in our numismatic ears, we are fighting a losing battle.

This quiz will test your knowledge of pennies, cents and several other single denominations. Have fun and remember that one is the loneliest number that you will ever know.

1. Large cents were an important part of the U.S. monetary system. What was the last year that the Large cent was minted?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
2. A former British Colony issued a piece of paper currency with a denomination of 1 cent. Name the country that issued the note and the first year it was printed.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Abraham Lincoln was the first President to appear on a regularly circulating coin. For what reason is he the subject of the cent?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
4. The safety bicycle was developed in the 1800s as an improvement over what type of bicycle? Why was the earlier bicycle given that name?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is a pickle barrel cent?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What were Indian Head cents called before 1866 and why?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. In what year did Canada mint a commemorative cent and what was the occasion?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Besides the composition, what is the other difference between copper alloy and copper-plated zinc cents?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Fugio coppers were minted in 1787. What does the word "Fugio" mean and who was given credit for designing the coin?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
10. We know that the 1909-S V.D.B. has the lowest mintage number for a regularly circulating Lincoln cent. Which cent has the second lowest mintage number?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ANSWERS

1. Answer: 1857
2. Answer: Hong Kong 1961
3. Answer: The 100th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.
4. Answer: Penny Farthing The front wheel of the bicycle was large and was reminiscent of a British penny in relation to the rear wheel which was much smaller.
5. Answer: Legend has it that Large cents were often thrown into pickle barrels. The copper caused the pickles to turn a bright green and appear more appetizing.
6. Answer: Nickels or nicks. Indian Head cents contained nickel in them into 1864. 5 cent pieces first contained nickel in 1866. Before that time, 5 cent pieces were known as half dimes.
7. Answer: 1967 100th year of the establishment of the Canadian Confederation.
8. Answer: There is a difference in weight. The copper alloy weighs 3.11 grams. The copper-plated zinc weighs 2.5 grams.
9. Answer: Time flies. Benjamin Franklin
10. Answer: 1931-S 866,000