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Connections: Canadian Coins—Did You Know?

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Toonie (2 dollars)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - replaced paper \$2 bill in 1996 - a two-colour coin - picture of polar bear - issued special toonie in 2008 to recognize the 400th anniversary of Quebec City | <p style="text-align: center;">Loonie (1 dollar)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - replaced paper \$1 bill in 1987 - picture of a loon, the national bird of Canada - issued special loonie in 2005 to honour Terry Fox | <p style="text-align: center;">Quarter (25 cents)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - worth one quarter of a dollar - picture of a caribou, one of Canada's most recognizable animals - issued poppy quarter in 2004 in honour of Remembrance Day |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Dime (10 cents)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - smallest coin by size - has picture of a famous Canadian sailboat, the Bluenose - issued special dime in 2001 to honour the millions of Canadians who volunteer to help others | <p style="text-align: center;">Nickel (5 cents)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - was originally made from nickel - has picture of a beaver, an official symbol of Canada - issued Victory nickel in 2005 to remember 60 years since end of World War II | <p style="text-align: center;">Penny (1 cent)</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stopped being used in 2013 - cost more than 1 cent to make - picture of maple leaves - until 1996, the penny had 12 sides so it was easier for people with vision problems to identify it |

Look for examples of some of these coins in your piggy bank.
 Did you find any of the special coins?
 Design a coin of your choice to honour or celebrate a special event.
 Explain why you chose the design you did.