

**Master 23**

## Connections: Canadian Coins—Did You Know?

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- was originally made from nickel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

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.