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## Common Cents

If you have one hundred of these, you have a dollar. What are we talking about? We are talking about the penny. The penny is the most common coin in the United States. The U.S. Mint produces more than one thousand pennies every second. That adds up to about 30 million pennies a day.

The copper penny was the first coin made in America. The first one was made in 1787. Since then, there have been many different pictures on pennies. Abraham Lincoln's picture went on the penny in 1909. The other side showed wheat. Today, Lincoln's face is still on the penny.

New pennies are now made of zinc. They have only a tiny bit of copper in them. Over the years, some things have changed with the penny, but one thing remains the same. A penny is still worth one cent.

1. Whose face is on the penny today?
2. Name two things that have changed about the penny over time.