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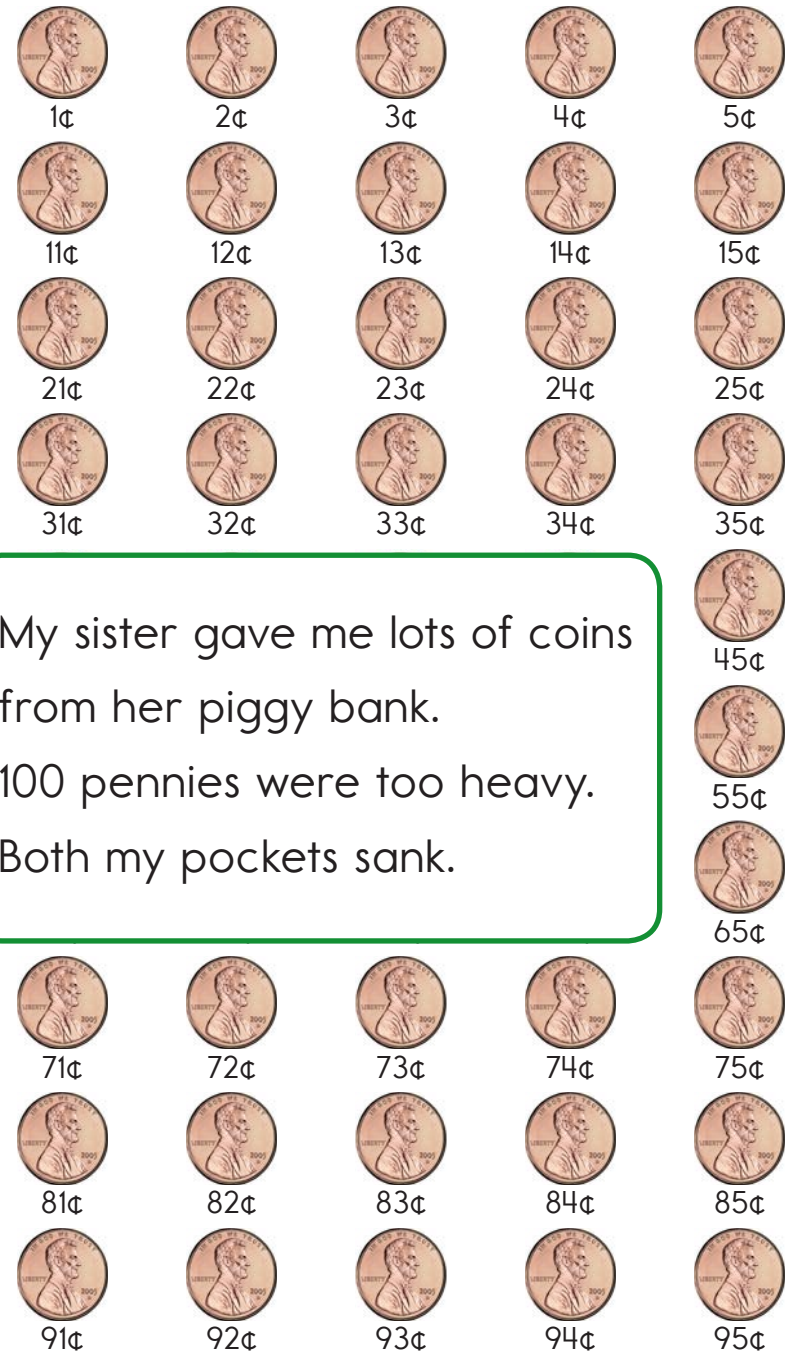
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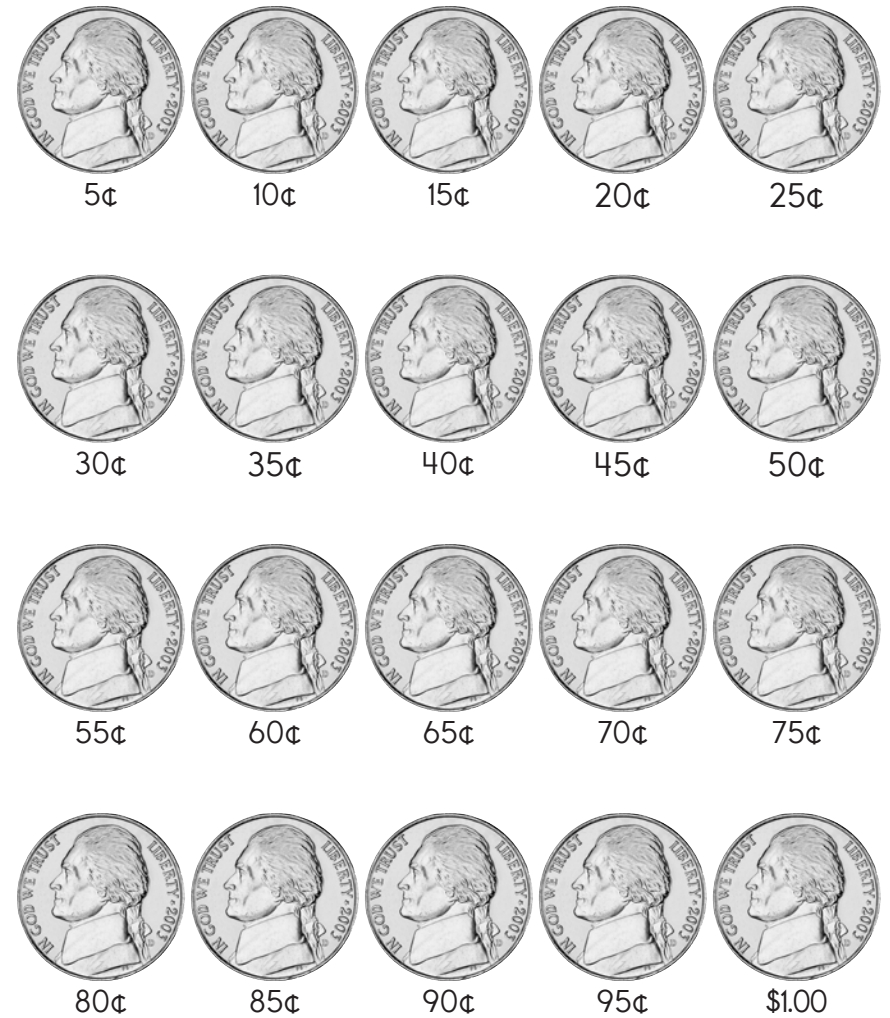
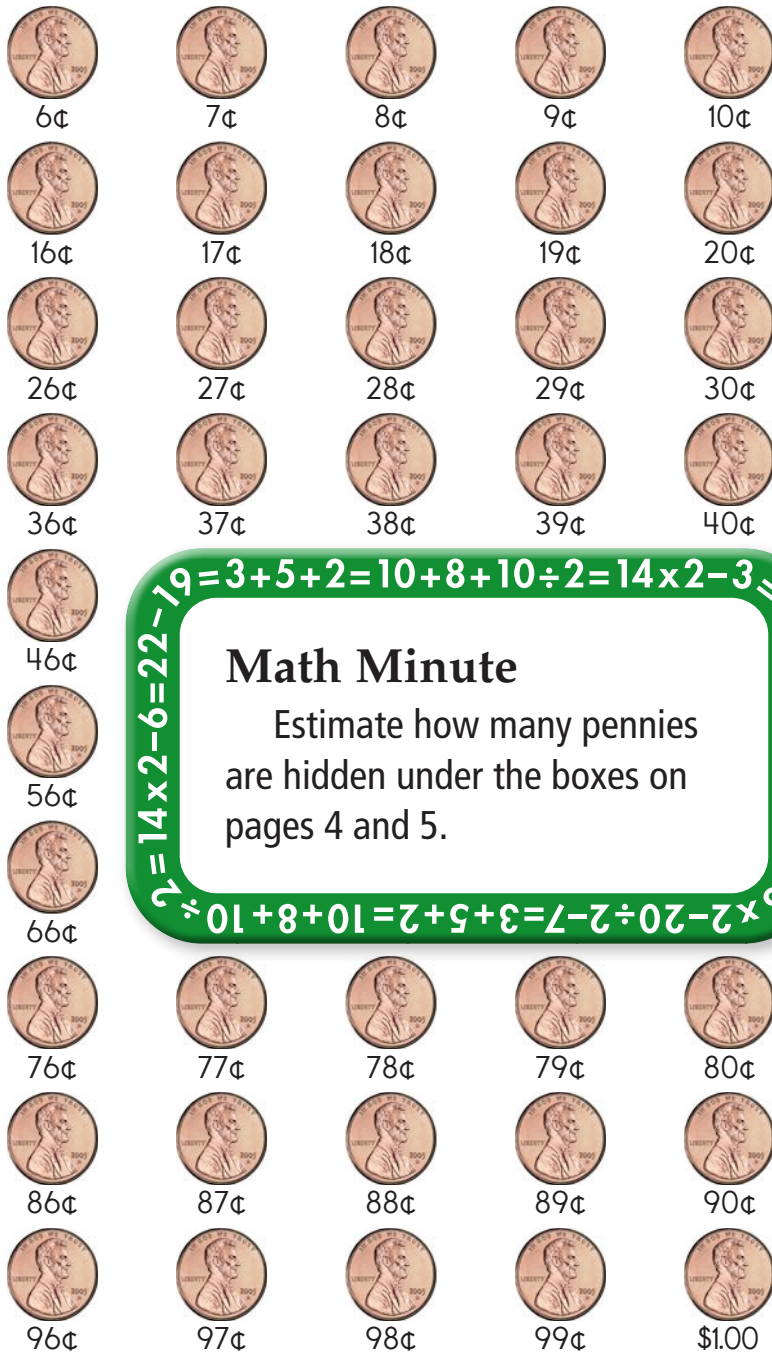




I was searching for a single dollar.  
 I only needed one.  
 I needed it for lunch that day.  
 I had to ask someone.



My sister gave me lots of coins  
 from her piggy bank.  
 100 pennies were too heavy.  
 Both my pockets sank.



“I’ll trade your pennies for some nickels,”  
said my brother Kenny.  
I counted all the coins by fives.  
Still there were too many.



10¢



20¢



30¢



40¢



50¢



60¢



70¢



80¢



90¢



\$1.00

I traded nickels for Mom's dimes.  
I was pleased I got just ten.  
But I'd lose coins as small as those,  
and what would I do then?



steel  
penny



steel  
dime

### Cents Sense!

In 1943, during World War II, copper was needed for the war. So, for one year, pennies were made out of a different metal. This metal was a silver color, which made the penny look more like a dime.





25¢



50¢



75¢



\$1.00

“Let’s trade those dimes for quarters.  
I’ll give you four,” Dad said.  
But when he looked inside his pockets  
he had just three instead.



Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint started making quarters to honor each of the 50 U.S. states. Quarters for Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, and Connecticut were released in 1999. The U.S. Mint continued to make five state quarters each year through the year 2008. The back side of each quarter shows something special about the state. The front side shows the face of George Washington, the first U.S. president.



Grandma said she had a dollar.  
 Ten coins became just two.  
 She gave me two half-dollars and  
 I thought my trade was through.



### Do You Know?

Coins in the United States are made in buildings called *mints*. Each coin made in a mint has a mark on the front side to show which mint made the coin: *D* for Denver, *P* for Philadelphia, and *S* for San Francisco.





\$1.00

But Grandpa had one last trade.  
My two coins turned into one.  
I used the one at lunch that day.  
Then I was left with none!





## Math Minute

Add up each group of coins to find out which groups add up to one dollar.

Write the total amount for each group on the lines.



\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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