MATHEMATICS · KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Canadian coins and money calculations

Difficulty level: Easy

Mathematics: Kindergarten to Grade 3

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Overview of the concept

This is how you make up amounts with Canadian coins, count your change, and work out totals when you pay for things at a shop. Knowing the coins and how they combine means you can pay quickly and check that your change is right. It is the money skill every Canadian kid needs before they start handling cash on their own. A nickel is worth 5 cents.

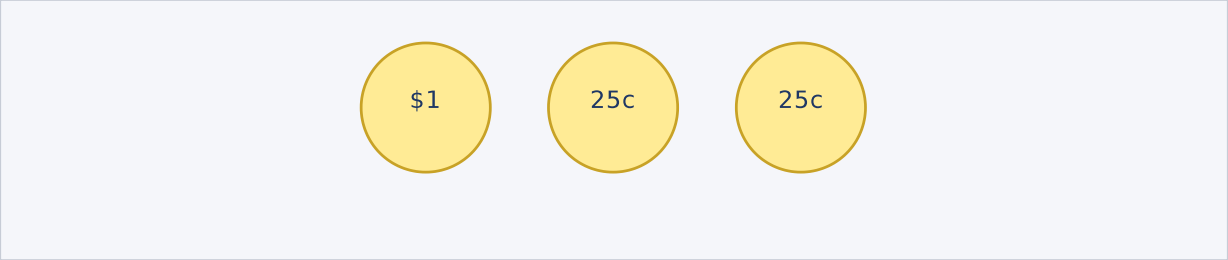


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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q How much is 1 loonie + 2 quarters?



SOLUTION

A loonie is worth 100 cents, or 1 dollar.

25 cents each

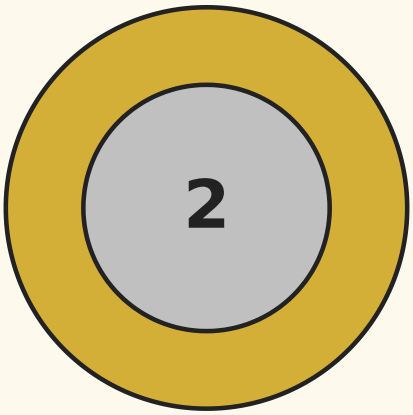
2 × 25 = 50 cents

Add them: 100 + 50 = 150 cents, which is 1 dollar 50 cents.

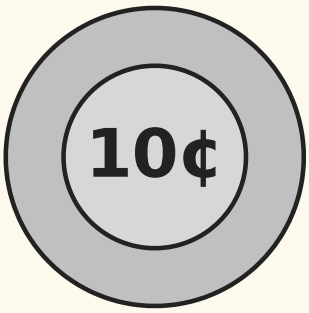
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EXAMPLE 2

Q How much is 1 toonie + 1 dime?



$2 — toonie



10¢ — dime

SOLUTION

A toonie is worth 2 dollars.

A dime is worth 10 cents.

Add them: 2 dollars + 10 cents = 2 dollars 10 cents.

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Practice questions

1 Maya finds a loonie and a quarter. How much money did she find? Write the total in dollars and cents.

- A 1 dollar 25 cents
- B 1 dollar 50 cents
- C 1 dollar
- D 25 cents

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2 Tom pays with a toonie and two quarters. How much did he pay? Write the total in dollars and cents.

- A 2 dollars 25 cents
- B 2 dollars 50 cents
- C 2 dollars 75 cents
- D 3 dollars

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3 Sara has a toonie and a nickel. How many more cents does she need to have 2 dollars 50 cents?

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4 Ben pays with a loonie and three dimes. How much did he pay? Write the total in dollars and cents.

A 1 dollar 40 cents

B 1 dollar 10 cents

C 1 dollar 30 cents

D 1 dollar 50 cents

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5 A snack costs 1 dollar 50 cents. Ana has a loonie and two dimes. Does she have enough? Write yes or no, and how many cents short she is.

- **A** Yes, exactly enough
- **B** No, 30 cents short
- **C** No, 20 cents short
- **D** No, 50 cents short

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6 Two friends put their coins together: two loonies and a quarter. How much money is that altogether? Write the total in dollars and cents.

- **A** 2 dollars 50 cents
- **B** 2 dollars 25 cents
- **C** 2 dollars
- **D** 2 dollars 75 cents

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7 Leo has a toonie, a loonie, and a dime. How much money does Leo have? Write the total in dollars and cents.

- A 3 dollars 25 cents
- B 3 dollars
- C 3 dollars 10 cents
- D 2 dollars 10 cents

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8 How much is 3 quarters and a nickel? Write the total in cents.

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9 Kim pays with a toonie and four nickels. How much did she pay? Write the total in dollars and cents.

- A 2 dollars 50 cents
- B 2 dollars 40 cents
- C 2 dollars
- D 2 dollars 20 cents

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10 Nora has two loonies and three dimes. Her brother has 2 dollars 50 cents. Who has more money?

- A Nora
- B Her brother
- C They have the same amount
- D Neither has any money

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ANSWER KEY

1. 1 dollar 25 cents

2. 2 dollars 50 cents

3. 45 cents

4. 1 dollar 30 cents

5. No, 30 cents short

6. 2 dollars 25 cents

7. 3 dollars 10 cents

8. 80 cents

9. 2 dollars 20 cents

10. Her brother

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