

Paw Prints

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Where Do Coins Come From?



For centuries, coins have been used as a form of money around the world. In the United States, we use coins for many things – spending, saving, collecting, and some might even toss one in a fountain for good luck. Have you ever wondered how coins came about and who makes them?

Well, the United States Mint is the government agency that makes coins and is responsible for designing, producing, circulating, and retiring coins. During colonial times, people used livestock, coins from other countries, or crops to pay each other for goods and services. In 1792,

Thomas Jefferson and Congress decided to create one standard currency system for the country, and the United States Mint was born. Our most used coins are the penny, nickel, dime, and quarter, but the Mint also makes half-dollar and dollar coins.

The Mint has six locations, each with a different purpose. For example, the Mint in Denver, Colorado makes circulating and collectible coins, while the Mint in San Francisco, California only makes collectible coins. No coins are made in the Mint in Washington, DC. This location is the headquarters of the United States Mint and is where research and other business is done.

Check out usmint.gov/learn/kids to play games, watch videos, and learn even more about coins!

U.S. Mint for Kids: U.S. Mint. United States Mint. (2021, September 1). Retrieved from usmint.gov/learn/kids

Coloring Winners!

Alyssa, age 5, of Mocksville
Ansel, age 5, of Durham
Claire, age 7, of Wake Forest
William, age 7, of Gastonia
Karis, age 8, of Mint Hill

Kitra, age 8, of Brevard
Maggie, age 9, of Raleigh
Gabriel, age 11, of Charlotte
Kelena, age 11, of Fairmont
Bella, age 12, of Haw River

Congratulations to our winners!
They each received a FAT CAT
backpack! View the winning
colorings in FAT CAT's Art
Gallery at www.cufatcats.org!

Complete the word search!

Send in your completed activity along with your full name, address, and age by **September 1, 2023** for the chance to win in a random drawing. Winners will receive a FAT CAT backpack!



Key:

- ~~Account~~
- Budget
- Cash
- Charity
- Consumer
- Cooperative
- Credit Card
- Credit Union
- Debit
- Goal
- Income
- Savings

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:

If you are willing to have your child's submission published in the newsletter and/or on the cufatcats.org website, please complete, sign, and mail this form in along with your child's submission. We will not publish your child's last name or street address. Thank you!

Child's full name: _____

Child's age: _____

Parent/Guardian full name: _____

Parent/Guardian address: _____

Please check each statement that applies. I give State Employees' Credit Union permission:

_____ to publish my child's first name, age, and hometown in FAT CAT Paw Prints and/or on the cufatcats.org website.

_____ to publish my child's artwork or story in FAT CAT Paw Prints and/or on the cufatcats.org website.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Email a photo of the coloring page to marketing@ncsecu.org, or submit your entry at your local branch or by mail: FAT CAT - State Employees' Credit Union, PO Box 27948, Raleigh, NC 27611.

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