

# The language of coins

*Like collecting stamps, antiques or baseball cards, coins have a language all their own.*

**Obverse:** Front or "heads" side with a major design and the date.

**Field:** Flat surface area with no design

**Motto:** Phrase or slogan symbolic of a country; IN GOD WE TRUST has appeared on most U.S. coins since the Civil War.

**E Pluribus Unum:** Meaning "out of many, one."

**Year of Issue**

**Reverse:** Back or "tails" side usually with a commemorative or heraldic design.

**Rim:** Raised area encircling coin's edge

**Edge:** Outer border of coin – the "third side"

**Denomination:** Statement of value

