



## Hello! Bonjour! Intro to Canadian Life EX. version

Hello everyone! I am your Coordinator of International relations Yi Ching (Mary) Ho. I came to Kyotanabe City in August 2017. You will probably see me more often from time to time. In the Kyotanabe City newspaper- Hotto Kyotanabe December issue, I introduced about the natural environment of Canada. I thought it'd be fun to continue the topic, since Canadian animals are engraved on the coins. Maybe next time when you visit Canada, you can collect these coins!

### Canadian Coins

Canada is very famous for its natural environment. As Canadian pride, coins used in Canada shows different types of animals that are representative of the country. The biggest coins are 1 and 2 dollar coins. 2 dollar coin is called "toonie" and with polar bear on it. 1 dollar coin is called "loonie" and with Canadian goose on it.

Unlike Japan, in Canada we have cents as a unit for money. However, the coins for cents are very similar to coins for dollar in terms of its shape and colour so please be careful.



2 Dollar Coin  
"Toonie"



1 Dollar Coin  
"Loonie"



25 Cent Coin  
"Quarter"



10 Cent Coin  
"Dime"



5 Cent Coin  
"Nickel"



1 Cent Coin  
"Penny"

The biggest silver coin is 25 cents which is also called "quarter" and with moose on it. The smallest silver coin is 10 cents which is also called "dime" and with a boat on it. Then there is the 5 cents coin called "nickel" with beaver on it. People often mix up 10 cents and 5 cents coin because the 5 cents coin is bigger than 10 cents coins. If you like animals, it would be easier to remember the face value just by looking at the animals.



**注意**  
CAUTION

In 2013, Canada abolished the usage of 1 cent coin (the copper coin with maple leaf on it, which is called "penny") because the cost of making the coin exceeds 1.6 cents in its actual value. The rules for

rounding is on the right. The sales tax in Canada is 12%.

#### ☆Rule☆

- 1 or 2 cents rounds down to 0 cent
- 3 or 4 cents rounds up to 5 cents
- 6 or 7 cents rounds down to 5 cents
- 8 or 9 cents rounds up to 10 cents

For example, when the total is \$1.21 according to the rules, it becomes \$1.20 because 1 cent coins are no longer used.