**Exploring Japanese Coins**

Japan's unit of currency is the Yen (symbol: ¥ or 円)

From the left, there is the aluminium one yen coin, which costs more to make than it's worth, then the 5, 10, 50, 100, and 500 yen coins.



**Quiz:**

The lightest coin also has the oldest design on it (a young tree which symbolizes the healthy growth of Japan). How much is it worth? Answer: ¥

Which two coins have holes in the middle? Answer: ¥ and ¥

Which two coins feature pictures of traditional Japanese flowers? Answer: ¥ and ¥

Can you work out which one has the chrysanthemum flower? Answer: ¥

And which has the cherry blossom flower? Answer: ¥

What do the three pictures on the five yen coin represent?

**Kanji**

Can you find the following Kanji symbols? Are there any more Kanji symbols? Copy them into your Japanese books.

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| **日本** | **国** | **—** | **五** | **十** | **百** | **円** |
| Japan | Nation | One (1) | Five (5) | Ten (10) | One Hundred (100) | Yen |

**In your Japanese books, using a crayon or grey led, make some rubbings of the coins and label them. You may want to make a table or grid.**

**Alternatively, you may want to sketch or draw the coin designs.**

For more information on Japanese coins, check out the kids’ web page at the Japanese Mint: <http://www.mint.go.jp/eng/kids/circulating_c.html>