

penny

1. [ˈpeni] n (pl pence; тж. pennies об отдельных монетах)

1. пенни, пенс

he put a penny in the slot - он бросил пенс в автомат

2. (pl pennies) амер., канад. монета в 1 цент

3. деньги

it won't cost you a penny - это вам ничего не будет стоить

4. амер. сл. полицейский

◇ a pretty penny - кругленькая сумма

to make a pretty penny out of smth. - хорошо заработать на чём-л.; поднажиться /подзаработать на чём-л.

it will cost a pretty penny - это будет стоить немало денег; ≅ это обойдётся в копеечку

to inherit /to come in for/ a pretty penny - получить большое наследство

a bad penny - а) фальшивая монета

the come back again like a bad penny - вернуться обратно к своему владельцу (против его желания); б) негодный человек

to turn an honest penny - а) честно зарабатывать; б) подрабатывать (тж. to turn a penny)

penny wedding - свадьба, устраиваемая гостями в складчину

two /ten/ a penny - дешёвый; ≅ по копейке в базарный день; дешевле пареной репы

a penny plain, and twopence coloured - пренебр. дешёвый, показной

not a penny to bless oneself with, not a penny to one's name - без гроша за душой

no paternoster, no penny - ≅ не потопашешь, не полопашешь

to look twice at every penny - ≅ жалеть каждую копейку, трястись над каждой копейкой

to neglect the odd pence - легко тратить деньги

pennies from heaven - неожиданная прибыль; подарок судьбы; ≅ не было ни гроша, да вдруг алтын

not a penny the worse [the better] - несколько не хуже [не лучше]

not a penny the wiser - ни на грош ума не прибавилось

to spend a penny - эф. пойти в туалет (не обязательно платный)

I want to spend a penny - мне нужно кой-куда

penny blood - сл. дешёвый, бульварный роман

a penny for your thoughts! - о чём вы задумались?

the penny dropped - разг. всё понятно, дошло

has the penny dropped? - ≅ вы поняли?, дошло до вас?, вам ясно или нет?

take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves - посл. береги пенсы - целы будут и фунты; ≅ копейка рубль бережёт

a penny saved is a penny gained - посл. не истратил - всё равно что заработал

a penny soul never care to twopence - посл. ≅ мелочный человек никогда не достигнет успеха

in for a penny, in for a pound - посл. ≅ взявшись за гуж, не говори, что не дюж

2. [ˈpeni] a

1. стоимостью в один пенс или один цент

2. дешёвый

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penny [penny pennies pence] BrE [ˈpeni] ^а NAmE [ˈpeni] ^а noun (pl.

pen-nies or pence) In senses 1 and 2, pennies is used to refer to the coins, and pence to refer to an amount of money. In sense 3, the plural is pennies.

1. (abbr. p) a small British coin and unit of money. There are 100 pence in one pound (£1)

- He had a few pennies in his pocket.
- That will be 45 pence, please.
- They cost 20p each.

2. (abbr. d) a British coin in use until 1971. There were twelve pennies in one [↑]shilling.

3. (NAmE) a cent

more at pinch pennies **at** [↑]pinch _{v.}, a pretty penny **at** [↑]pretty _{adj.}, spend a penny **at** [↑]spend _{v.}

Idioms: [↑]every penny ▪ [↑]in for a penny, in for a pound ▪ [↑]not a penny ▪ [↑]penny drops ▪ [↑]penny for them ▪ [↑]penny for your thoughts
▪ [↑]turn up like a bad penny ▪ [↑]two a penny

See also: [↑]dime a dozen

Word Origin:

Old English penig, penning of Germanic origin; related to Dutch penning, German Pfennig, perhaps also to the verb [↑]pawn and (with reference to shape) [↑]pan.

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penny S1 /ˈpeni/ BrE ^а AmE ^а noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: penning, penig]

1.

a) (plural pence) (abbreviation p) a small unit of money in Britain. There are 100 pence in one pound:

- The bus fare is 80 pence.
- a 50p piece (=coin)
- A loaf of bread costs 70p.

b) (plural pennies) a coin worth one penny:

I've only got a few pennies left.

2. (*plural pennies*) a coin that is worth one [↑]cent in the US or Canada. One hundred pennies are equal to \$1.
 3. (*plural pennies or pence*) (*written abbreviation d*) a British unit of money or coin used until 1971. There were 12 pennies in one [↑]shilling
 - twopence/threepence etc
 - " a book costing only sixpence
 - fourpenny/sixpenny etc
 - " a fourpenny cigar
 - " a threepenny bit (=coin)
 4. **not a penny** used to emphasize that someone has no money or that something did not cost any money:
 - " I haven't got a penny on me.
 - " It didn't cost me a penny.
 - " He died without a penny to his name.
 5. **every penny** all of an amount of money:
 - " The hotel was expensive but it was worth every penny.**every penny of**
 - " He was determined to go to Australia even if it took every penny of his savings.
 6. **every penny counts** used to say that money is needed and even a small amount is important:
 - " Every penny counts in the battle to save the rain forests.
 7. **the/your last penny** the only money that is left:
 - " She's down to her last penny.
 8. **a penny for your thoughts/a penny for them** *spoken* used to ask someone who is silent what they are thinking about
 9. **in for a penny, in for a pound** *spoken* used to say that because you are already involved in something, you will complete it whatever time, money, or effort is needed:
 - " Oh well, it's done now. In for a penny, in for a pound.
 10. **the penny (has) dropped** *British English informal* used to say that someone has finally understood something that they had not understood before
 11. **be two/ten a penny** *British English* to be very common and easy to get, or cheap – used to show disapproval:
 - " Rings like these are ten a penny.
 12. **turn up like a bad penny** *British English* if someone you dislike turns up like a bad penny, they appear when they are not wanted
- ⇒ [↑]halfpenny, ⇒ **spend a penny** at [↑]spend(5), ⇒ **cost a pretty penny** at [↑]pretty²(6)

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