

# Money in 1892

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<b>Farthing</b>	$\frac{1}{4}$ of a penny	
<b>Halfpenny</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$ of a penny Also called a "ha'penny" which was pronounced as a "hay-penny".	
<b>Penny</b>	2 halfpennies or 4 farthings The abbreviation for a penny was <b>d</b> <i>For example: five pennies could be written as 5d</i> When you had more than one penny, "pence" was another way of saying "pennies".	<b>Penny</b>  
<b>Threepence</b>	3 pennies Was often pronounced as "throop-ence" or "threpp-ence". Also called a "thrupenny bit".	
<b>Sixpence</b>	6 pennies or pence	
<b>Shilling</b>	12 pennies or pence Also called a "bob". The formal abbreviation for a shilling was <b>s</b> <i>For example: four shillings could be written as 4s</i> However, it was often written informally or printed with a slash / <i>For example: 1/6d = 1 shilling and sixpence (often pronounced "one and six")</i> <i>5/3d = 5 shillings and threepence</i> If a price included shillings and no pennies then a dash was used after the slash. <i>For example: 5/- = 5 shillings only (with the dash standing for zero pennies).</i>	<b>Shilling</b>  
<b>Florin</b>	2 shillings	
<b>Half Crown</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$ crown or 2.5 shillings	<b>Sovereign</b>  
<b>Crown</b>	5 shillings	
<b>Half-sovereign</b>	$\frac{1}{2}$ sovereign or 10 shillings	
<b>Sovereign</b>	20 shillings Sovereigns were made of gold.	
<b>Pound</b>	20 shillings or 240 pence Also called a "quid". The abbreviation for a pound was <b>£</b>	
<b>Guinea</b>	21 shillings In 1892 guinea coins were no longer being used but people often used the term "guinea" when talking of prices for livestock, horses, art and land.	

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1. What was another way of saying “pennies”?	
2. How much was a “bob” worth?	
3. Eight farthings were equal to how many pennies?	
4. Write an abbreviation for five pennies.	
5. Lizzie Waite had a shilling in her purse while her brother David had a halfpenny in his pocket. Who had the most money?	
6. How many pennies were in a shilling?	
7. What was another way of writing three shillings and no pennies?	
8. Eva Waite had been saving for a new book. By the beginning of 1892 she had saved a crown. The book she wanted was advertised in the newspaper to cost $5/6d$ . Did Eva have enough money to buy the book?	
9. What was another name for a pound?	
10. Peter Waite decided to sell one of his horses. Would he have been most likely to set the price for the horse in pounds or guineas?	