

An A-Z of British Coins

In 2019, the Royal Mint created a new range of 10p coins. On one side is Queen Elizabeth II; on the other side are 26 different designs representing different British places, foods, inventions, creatures, people and traditions. Thusly:



There are a lot of ways you can eke comedy out of this decision, and these designs.

- **THE COINS THEMSELVES:** Without looking at the list below, can you guess what each letter stands for? Does the art look like what it is supposed to? Which designs are your favourites? Which are very much not?
- **BRITISHNESS:** Do you feel like the designs reflect **your** Britain? Are there enough for each of the countries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales?
- **THE DECISIONS:** What would be some alternatives for the different letters? It's a lot easier to think of things for eg B, C and D than V, X, V and Z.
- **YOUR OWN ALPHABET:** What would be on your alphabet of British things? What would be on your alphabet of favourite things/?
- **OTHERS' ALPHABETS:** What would be on another person/country's alphabet of **their** favourite things? Can you do this for fictional people & places too? What else could be commemorated (eg A-Z of things your dog shouldn't have eaten)?

The British list of 10p coin designs is as follows (close-up pictures are found overleaf):

A – Angel of the North

B – Bond... James Bond

C – Cricket

D – Double decker bus

E – English breakfast

F – Fish and chips

G – Greenwich mean time

H – Houses of Parliament

I – Ice-cream cone

J – Jubilee

K – King Arthur

L – Loch Ness Monster

M – Mackintosh raincoat

N – National Health

Service

O – Oak tree

P – Post box

Q – Queuing

R – Robin

S – Stonehenge

T – Teapot

U – Union flag

V – Village

W – World wide web

X – X marks the spot

Y – Yeoman

Z – Zebra crossing









