

Coinage Kids

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Find and identify the error coins as REAL or FAKE. Then mail your completed quiz to April Quiz, *COINage* magazine, P.O. Box 7030 Ventura, CA 93006-9899. Five winners will be drawn from the valid entries received by April 30, 2014. Valid entries must include the correct answers, the entrant's name, age (17 or younger) and address, and the signature of a parent or guardian. *Please, only one entry per child per household.* The winners will each receive The winners will each receive a Lincoln cent album and a coin collecting guide courtesy Littleton Coin Supplies.

April Fool's Coins

Everyone makes mistakes. And the U.S. Mint is no exception, despite its efforts to prevent them.

In the United States, it is against the law to intentionally remove error coins from the mint. It is also illegal to intentionally manufacture error coins at a government facility.

However, some defective coins manage to make their way into circulation and are fair game for collectors.

And, it seems, that with nearly every coin, there is an almost equal counterfeit, and error coins are no exception.

Some of the error coins pictured here are genuine. We created the others. Did we fool you at all?



1993-D Lincoln Cent Mule



Washington Dollar Mule



1898-O Morgan Dollar, Clipped Planchet



2000-P Sacagawea Dollar Struck on a Susan B. Anthony Dollar Planchet



(1913-1938) Buffalo Nickel Reverse Die Cap



1929 Peace Dollar



"Mercury" Dime, Blank Obverse