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Names: _____

Where is our coin from?

MARK it on the world map.

How much is it worth?

Who is on the head side?
(the obverse)

Who is on the tail side?
(the reverse)

What is the coin's date?

Make a rubbing of your coin in the space below

Head/obverse

Tail/reverse

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

FID. DEF. (or F.D.) = Defender of the Faith

DEI GRATIA (or D.G.) = By the grace of God

REG. = Regina = Queen

REX = King

BRITT. OMN. REX = King of all the Britains
(not used after 1954)

IND. IMP. = Empress or Emperor of India
(not used after 1948)

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A guide to old English money

(used until 1971)

£1 = 20 shillings.

1 shilling = 12 pennies.

So £1 = 240 pennies.

£1 = 20 shillings (written as 20s or 20/-)

1 shilling = 12 pennies (written as 1s or 1/-)

1 florin = 2 shillings (written as 2s or 2/-)

1 crown = 5 shillings

half a crown = 2 shillings and sixpence (written as 2/6)

1 penny was written as 1d

a tickey = 3 pennies (3d), also called a threepenny bit

a half-penny (ha'penny) = half a penny

a farthing = quarter of a penny (4 farthings = 1d)

1 guinea = £1 1s 0d

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