

Warmer: Australian coins

With a partner/group, get students to pull out some change, and see what they can see on the different coins. Conduct whole class feedback and see what useful vocab and discussions come up.

- 5c: echidna, an egg-laying mammal (like the platypus), covered in protective spines.
- 10c: a male lyrebird. Lyrebirds are famous for their ability to mimic sounds and language.
- 20c: platypus, an egg-laying mammal (like the echidna).
- 50c: the Australian Coat of Arms: the badges of the 6 states on a shield, with a kangaroo on one side and an emu on the other.
- \$1: 5 kangaroos
- \$2: an Aboriginal tribal elder. In the background, you can see the Southern Cross and native grass trees.

