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• Take a look at a bill. Can you find all of the features on it that make it difficult to counterfeit?
• Do you know any coin collectors? Talk to them about their collections and start your own, if you like.
• See page 53 — how do you feel about getting rid of the penny? Is it a good idea or a bad one?
• Our $1 and $2 coins are nicknamed loonies and toonies. If we get a $5 coin, what should we call it?
• Find out more about wampum.
• Pretend you’re a ten-dollar bill. Write about a day in your life and all the places you go.
• With your eyes closed, see how many Canadian coins and bills you can identify just by touch.
• Design a coin. What picture would you put on it to tell people about Canada?
• List the benefits and disadvantages of having a credit card.

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