



NEWS DETECTIVES

TODAY'S NEWS STORY

UK public asked to design new banknotes

KEYWORDS

- ☐ **Heritage:** A country's history and culture
- ☐ **Cashier:** A person who handles money
- ☐ **Vintage:** Something preserved from the past
- ☐ **National treasure:** A symbol that unites the nation



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Bank of England is the UK's central bank. It is responsible for printing the banknotes that we use in our everyday purchases. The Bank has announced the first major redesign of how the UK's banknotes look in over 50 years — and it needs your help!

Historical figures like William Shakespeare? Iconic sites like Windsor Castle? The race is on to decide who — or what — will appear on Britain's next banknotes.

Time for change

Since 1970, Britain's banknotes have featured notable historical figures like Sir Winston Churchill and Jane Austen. But the Bank of England has announced that the next notes could have a new theme.

The new theme could include

famous landmarks, cultural achievements, inventions, or natural landscapes — and the ideas are already flowing in.

Art and design

The Bank says that the public must have its say to make sure the new banknotes properly celebrate British culture, **heritage** and traditions.

"They serve as a symbolic representation of our collective national identity," said Victoria Cleland, the Bank's

chief **cashier**, describing banknotes as "little pieces of art in our pocket".

Funny business

The British public has answered the call, offering ideas such as Buckingham Palace, **vintage** trains, and classic TV characters like Basil Fawlty.

But it's safe to say that some suggestions have been more serious than others. Julie, from Plymouth, has submitted a "**national treasure**" of her own: her pet bulldog, Dudley!



INVESTIGATION OF THE DAY

COULD YOU DESIGN THE UK'S MONEY?

WHAT
new themes
have been
suggested?

WHO
can currently be
seen on
banknotes?

WHERE
are the notes
printed?

WHEN
did banknotes
start featuring
historical people?

WHY
is the public
being
consulted?

HOW
have the
public
responded?

1 CHECK YOUR FACTS

Make sure you have all the facts before you start your investigation. Can you answer these questions?

2 KNOW YOUR KEYWORDS

Can you remember what these keywords mean? Match the word to the correct meaning.

1=C

2=

3=

4=

1. Heritage

2. Cashier

3. Vintage

4. National treasure

A. Something preserved from the past

B. A symbol that unites the nation

C. A country's history and culture

D. A person who handles money

3 LOOK AT ALL SIDES

There's always more than one side to every story. How might the people involved feel about the story?



People who pay on their phones



Art lovers



History lovers



Traditionalists



Happy



Sad



Calm



Excited



Surprised



Angry



Scared



Bored



Disgusted



Confused

4 DISCUSS THE QUESTION

Could you design the UK's money?

What do you think?
Use the speaking prompts here to help you get started.

I disagree with...

I agree with...

I'm not sure about...

I'd like to know more about...

I think that...

I don't think that...



5 REPORT BACK

Write, present or record a report that communicates your view. Share this with your class, family and friends. What's their opinion?