

Metal money

Some people in the past used bits of metal or metal rings as money.



This led to the first coins being made.

MONEY BOX FACT

In the past, a sailor's gold earrings were used as money – to pay for his coffin!

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The first coins were made about 2,600 years ago.

They were made from a mix of gold and silver.

Then more and more people used coins as money.



At first, coins were all made by hand.



MONEY BOX FACT

Some coins were made with holes in them. Coins like this could be kept on a string.

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