

# Los Dineros del Mundo (World Currencies)

La Tarea: Choose a Spanish-speaking country of your choice and design an original bank note for that country. BE CREATIVE. Make it look nice!

Your bill needs to be *written in SPANISH*, and must include the name of its country, your name/signature, your class hour, “La Escuela Turner, Ciudad de Kansas City,” any other words you’d like to add, and some COLOR to make it look sharp.

This is due by the end of the hour. Use the vocabulary below to help with your creativity. The finished bills will be shipped to the Ulrich Museum of Art at Wichita State University, and will eventually be collected along with the bills made by 3 million other students and shipped via armored truck to Washington, D.C. to be given to Congress. With your creative currency, we will ask for support of an environmental recovery program in New Orleans to make a lead safe environment for all children. You can make money and help others! (how do you say “awesome” in Spanish?)

dinero	money
dólar, dólares	dollar, dollars
cien dólares	100 dollars
pagar	to pay
centavos	cents
prestar	to loan
un préstamo	a loan
firmar	to sign
la firma	signature
el cheque de viaje	traveler’s check



## Currencies of Spanish-speaking countries:

**Argentina:** The main unit of currency is the Argentine *peso*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**Bolivia:** The main unit of currency is the *boliviano*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: Bs.

**Chile:** The main unit of currency is the Chilean *peso*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

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**Colombia:** The main unit of currency is the Colombian *peso*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**Costa Rica:** The main unit of currency is the *colón*, divided into 100 *céntimos*. Symbol: ₡. (This symbol may not display properly in all browsers. It looks similar to the U.S. cent symbol, ¢, except with two diagonal slashes instead of one.)

**Cuba:** Cuba uses two currencies, the *peso cubano* and the *peso cubano convertible*. The first is primarily for everyday use by Cubans; the other, worth considerably more, is used primarily for luxury and imported items and by tourists. Both types of pesos are divided into 100 *centavos*. Both also are symbolized by the \$ symbol; when necessary to distinguish between the currencies, the symbol CUC\$ is often used for the convertible peso.

**Dominican Republic:** The main unit of currency is the Dominican *peso*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**Ecuador:** Ecuador uses U.S. dollars as its official currency, referring to them as *dólares*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**El Salvador:** El Salvador uses U.S. dollars as its official currency, referring to them as *dólares*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**Ecuatorial Guinea (Guinea Ecuatorial):** The main unit of currency is the Central African *franco* (franc), divided into 100 *céntimos*. Symbol: CFAfr.

**Guatemala:** The main unit of currency is the *quetzal*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Foreign currencies, particularly the U.S. dollar, are also recognized as legal tender. Symbol: Q.

**Honduras:** The main unit of currency is the *lempira*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: L.

**Mexico:** The main unit of currency is the Mexican *peso*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: \$.

**Nicaragua:** The main unit of currency is the *córdoba*, divided into 100 *centavos*. Symbol: C\$.

**Panama (Panamá):** Panama uses U.S. dollars as official currency, referring to them as *balboas*, divided into 100 *centésimos*. Symbol: B/.

**Paraguay:** The main unit of currency is the *guaraní* (plural *guaraníes*), divided into 100 *céntimos*. Symbol: G.

**Peru (Perú):** The main unit of currency is the *nuevo sol*, usually referred to simply as the *sol*. It is divided into 100 *céntimos*. Symbol: S/.

**Spain (España):** Spain, as a member of the European Union, uses the *euro*, divided into 100 *cents* or *céntimos*. Symbol: €.

**Uruguay:** The main unit of currency is Uruguayan *peso*, divided into 100 *centésimos*. Symbol: \$.

**Venezuela:** The main unit of currency is the *bolívar*, divided into 100 *céntimos*. Symbol: Bs.

