

Synergy Cents

Have you ever wondered how pennies or quarters are made? The United States Mint makes millions of coins daily. People and machines work together to manufacture coins that we use every day.

First, circles are punched from large strips of metal that are about 13 inches by 1,500 feet. This is called blanking. Any leftover metal is chopped and recycled. Those blanks are then heated in a furnace to soften them, then they are washed and dried.

Next, the coins go through an upsetting mill, which raises the rim around the edges.

Finally, in the "striking" phase, the blanks go

to the coining press. Here, the coins are stamped with the designs and words that make them genuine United States coins. Workers then use magnifying glasses to take a close look at the coin to make sure everything is correct.

An automatic counting machine then counts the coins and puts them into large bags. Trucks will then take the new coins to banks for everyone to use. Pretty neat!

Next time you see a coin, take a good look. It has had quite the journey to get to you!

Sincerely,

Penny D. Pelican



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WORD SCRAMBLE

Can you help Penny unscramble these words?

ONICS
coins

BNKNIGLA
blanking

TMIN
mint

NYPEN
penny

RKGSNTII
striking

RRTUAQE
quarter

KNCILE
nickle

MDIE
dime