



## Heads or Tails

The two sides of a coin are called “heads” and “tails.” The heads’ side shows the head of a great man or woman. But the other side does not show a tail. So, why is this side called “tails”?

A long time ago, all coins showed the king’s head on the front and an animal’s body on the back. So people gave the name “heads” to the side that showed a person and “tails” to the side that showed an animal. Years ago an American nickel had a buffalo on one side and a person on the other side. Today most coins don’t show animals. But the words “heads” and “tails” are still used to name the sides of a coin.



**DAR Levels 0–2**

**Strategy: Listening Comprehension**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passage Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Passage Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Record the student’s response to the following:

**Tell me what the story was about.**

Rate the student’s response using the following rubric:

**Good response**

Shows understanding of information from the passage

**Fair response**

Shows limited understanding of information from the passage

**Poor response**

Shows lack of understanding or misunderstanding of information from the passage

<p><b>During this activity, the student seemed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Actively engaged</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat engaged</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Passively cooperative</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Not interested</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li></ul>	<p><b>Additional Comments:</b></p>
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