KING GEORGE VI CORONATION
MAY 12, 1937



George VI (Albert Frederick Arthur George; 14 December 1895 – 6 February 1952) was King of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth from 11 December 1936 until his death. He was the last Emperor of India, and the first Head of the Commonwealth. As the second son of King George V, he was not expected to inherit the throne and spent his early life raised in the shadow of his elder brother, Edward.

George was known to his family as "Bertie" and was awkwardly shy, plagued with health problems, and spoke with a stammer. The 2010 Oscar-nominated film "The King's Speech" tells the fascinating story of his efforts to overcome his stammer and find his voice, culminating in an inspirational speech to the British people on the brink of war. He served in the Royal Navy during World War I, and after the war, took on the usual round of public engagements. He married Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon in 1923, and they had two daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret.

George's elder brother ascended the throne as Edward VIII on the death of their father in 1936. However, less than a year later, Edward revealed his desire to marry the divorced American socialite, Wallis Simpson. British Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin advised Edward that, for political and religious reasons, he could not marry Mrs Simpson and remain king. Edward abdicated in order to marry, and George ascended the throne as the third monarch of the House of Windsor.

The coronation of George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon as King and Queen of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth and as Emperor and Empress of India took place at Westminster Abbey, London, on 12 May 1937.

Great Britain and 56 nations of the Commonwealth issued a total of 202 stamps to commemorate the event. The omnibus design was used by 45 nations for a total of 135 stamps. Fourteen nations used their own unique designs for another 67 stamps. Newfoundland Canada used both. Australia also issued two of its own definitive stamps, but they are not considered to be part of this Coronation series.

The pages in this album are arranged in the order presented in their listing of Commonwealth Omnibus sets near the back of the Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth and Empire Catalogue (1840 -1970). The author has elected to include a space for a First Day Cover of the stamp issued by Great Britain.

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GREAT BRITAIN

The stamp issued by Great Britain to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon was based on a photograph by Dorothy Wilding and was personally selected for this purpose by the King.



SG461

FIRST DAY COVER

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MAY 12, 1937

ADEN



SG13

2½A

SG14

3½A

SG15

ANTIGUA

1d

SG95

1½d

SG96

2½d

SG97

ASCENSION

1d

SG35

2d

SG36

3d

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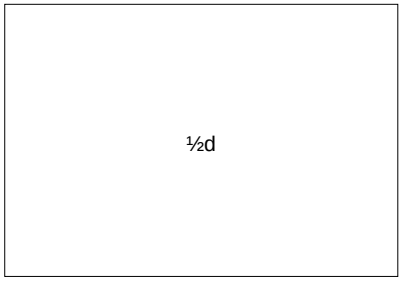
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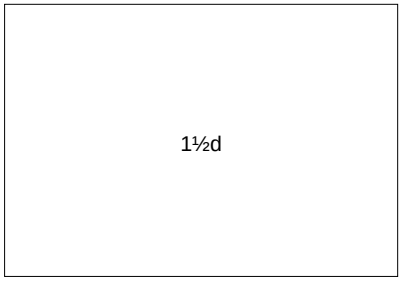
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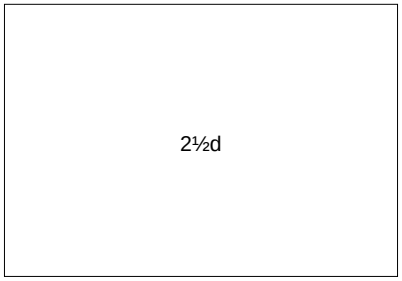
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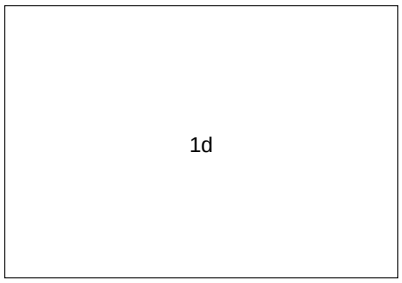


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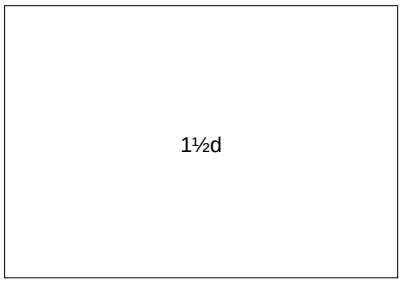


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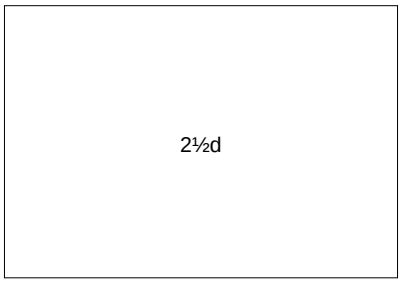
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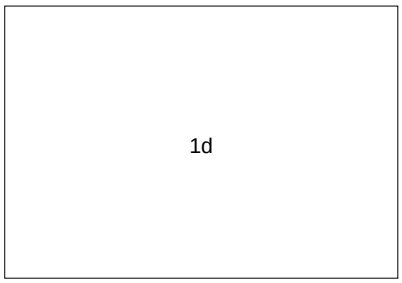


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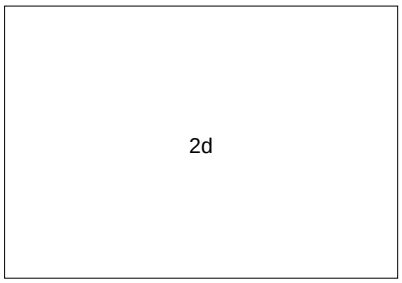


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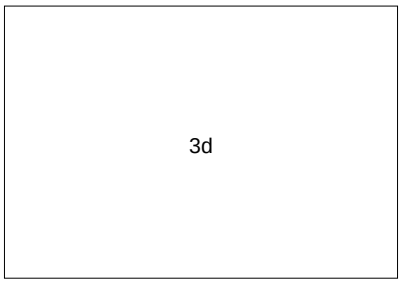
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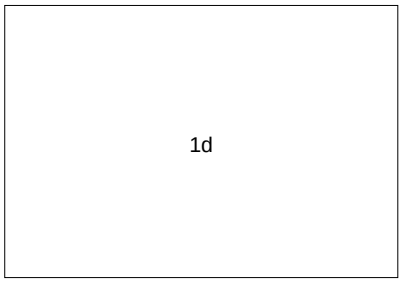


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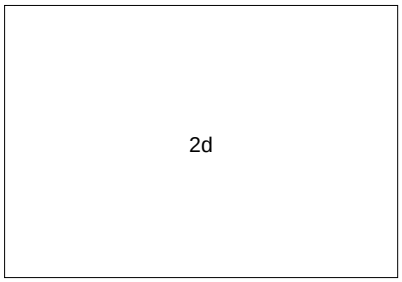


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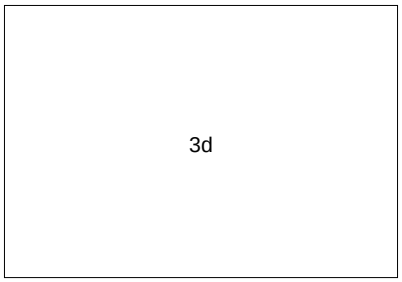
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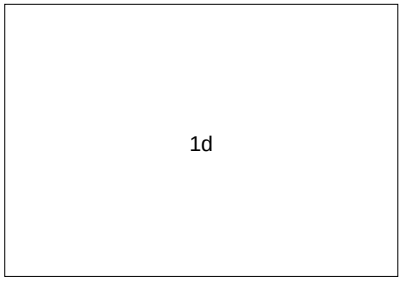
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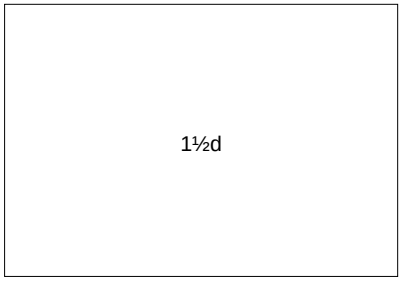
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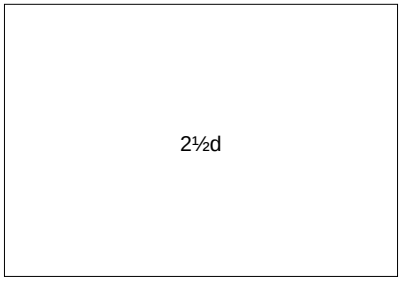
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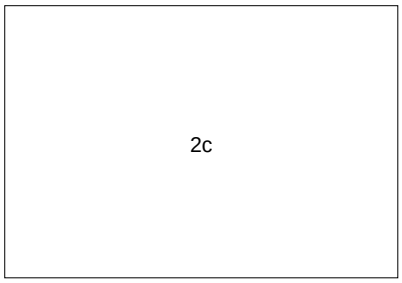


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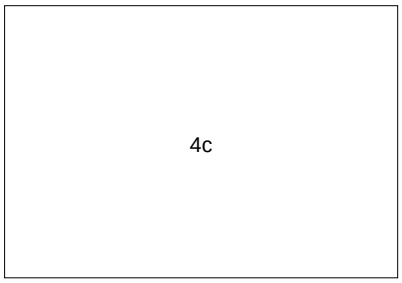


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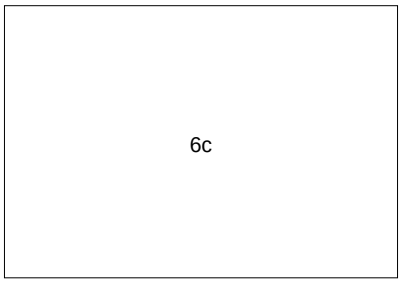
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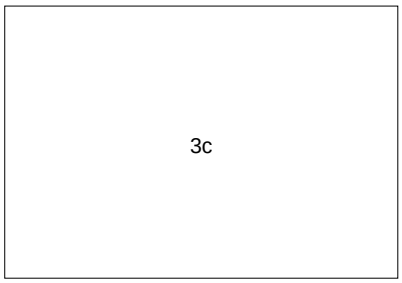


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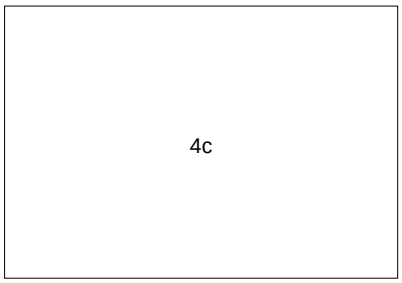


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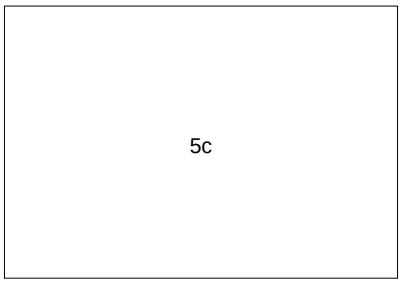
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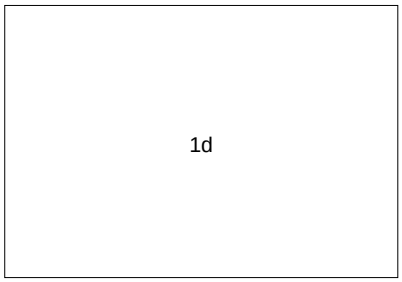


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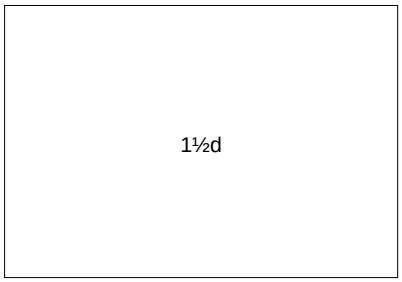


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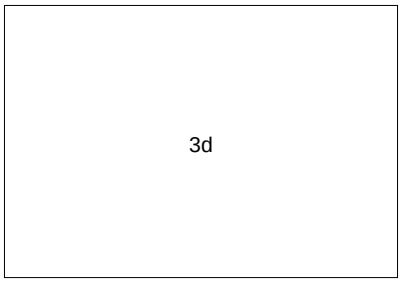
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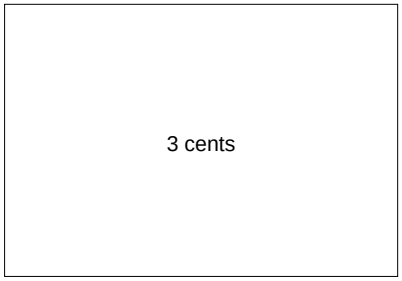
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CANADA



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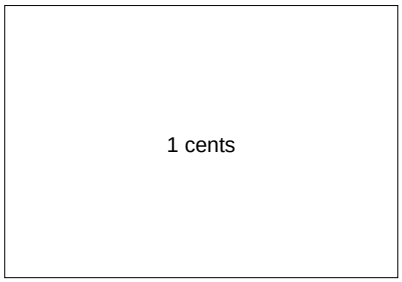
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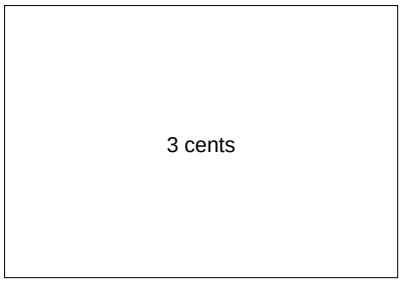
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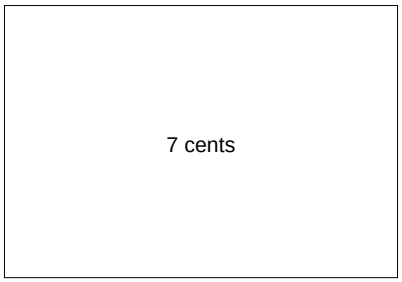
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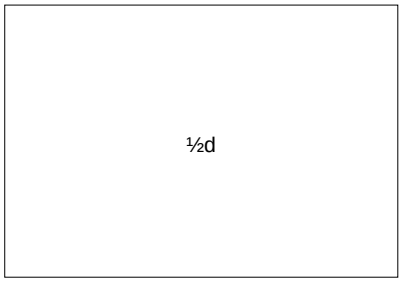


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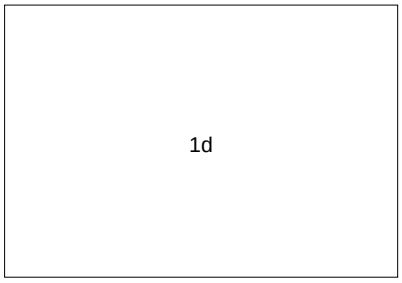


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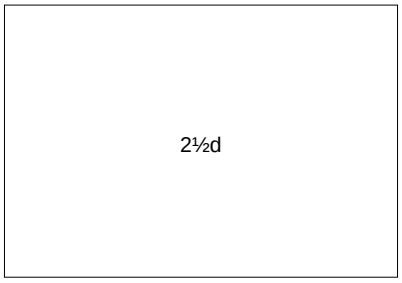
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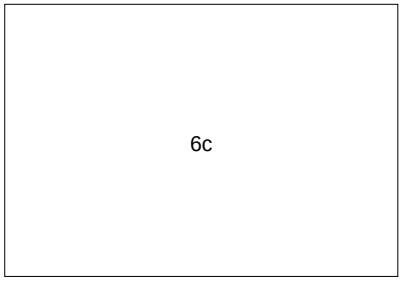
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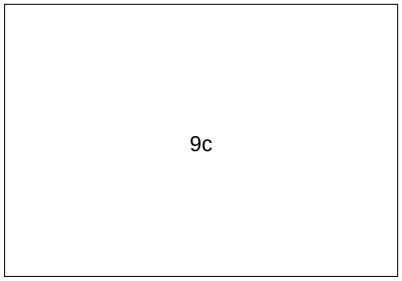
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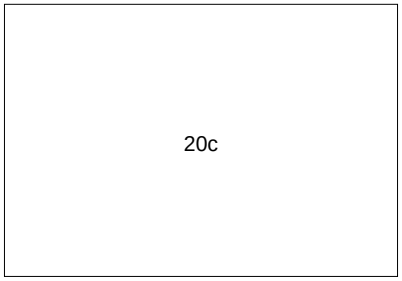
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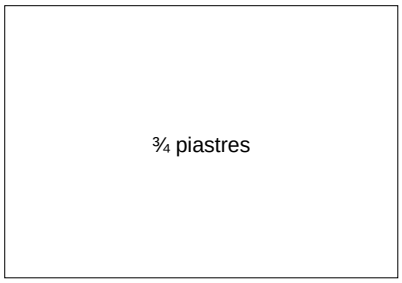


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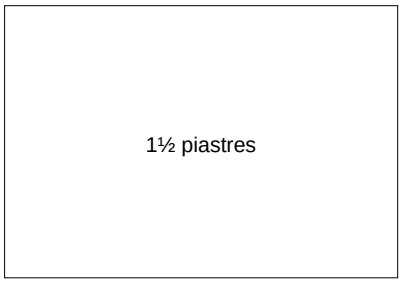


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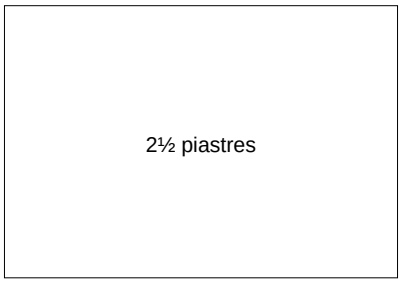
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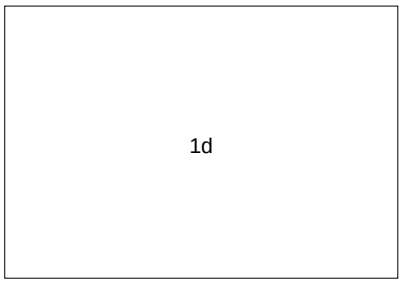


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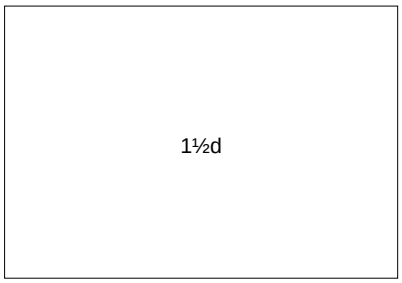


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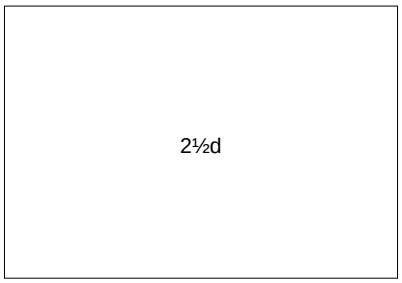
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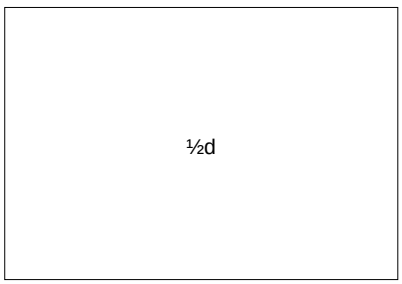


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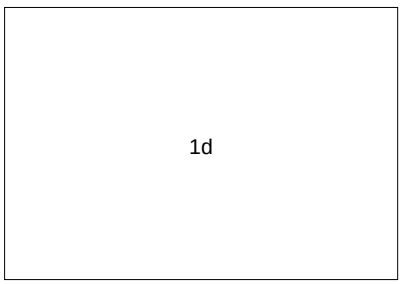


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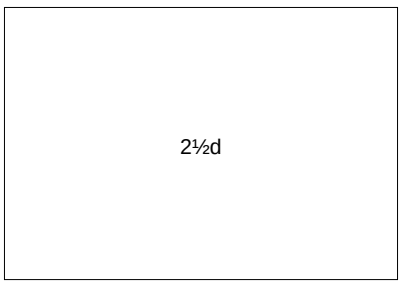
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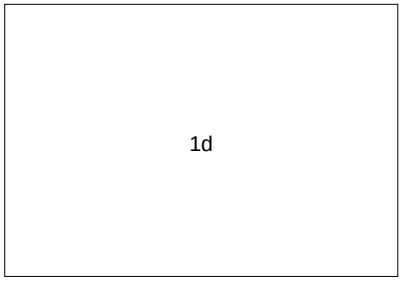
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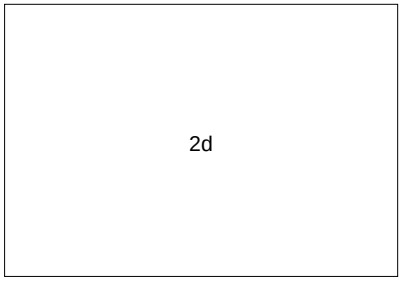
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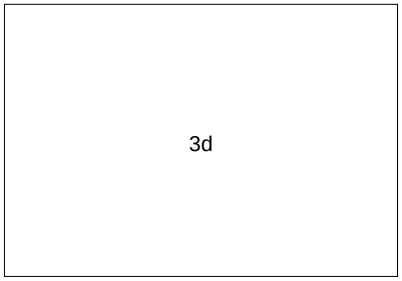
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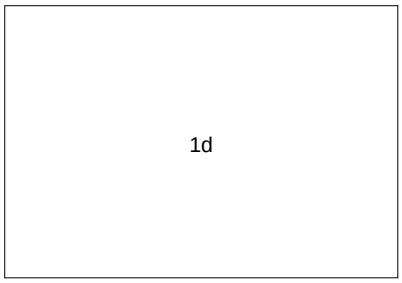


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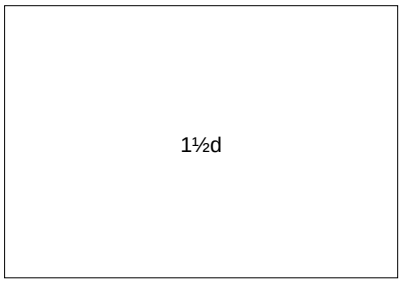


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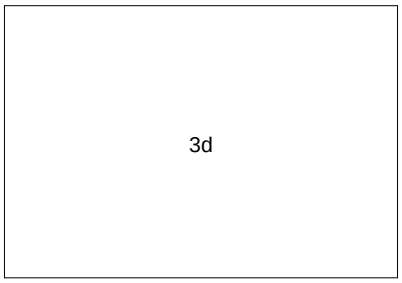
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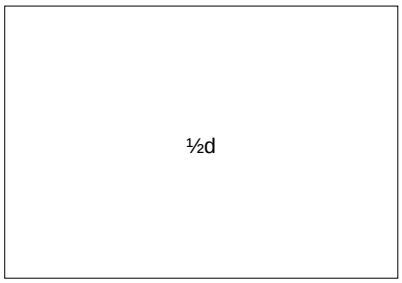


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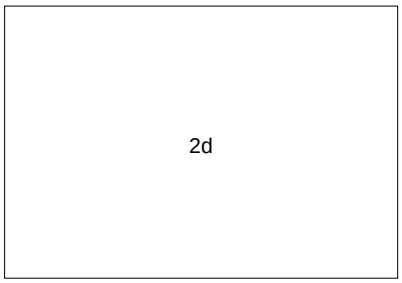


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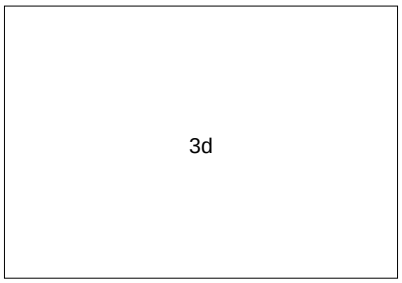
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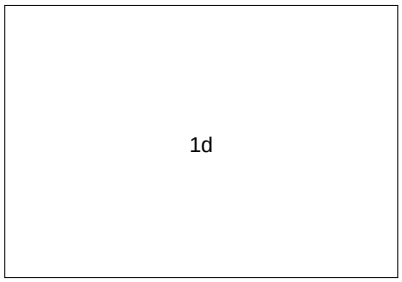


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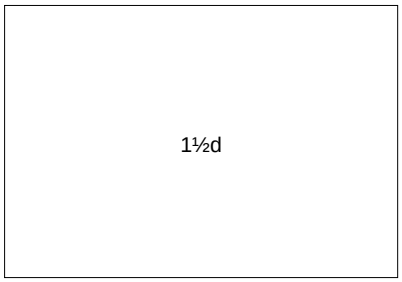


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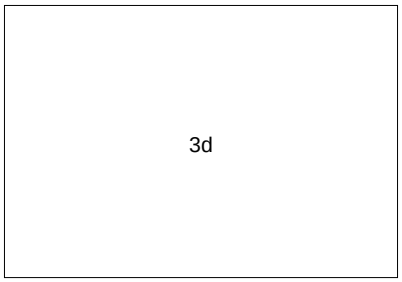
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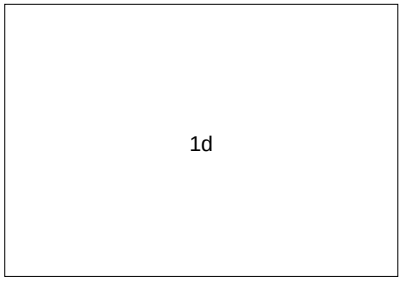
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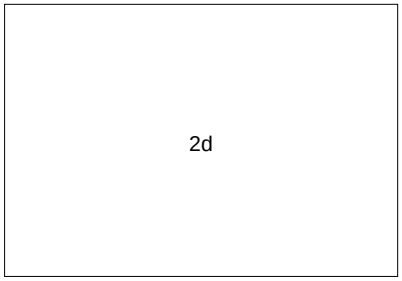
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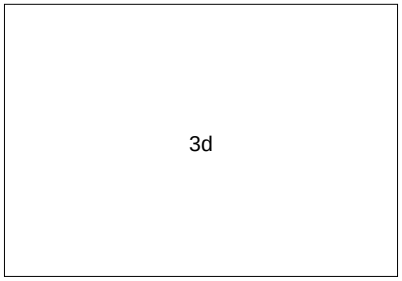
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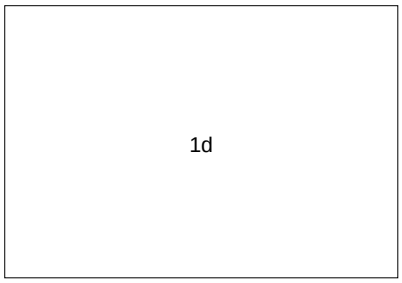


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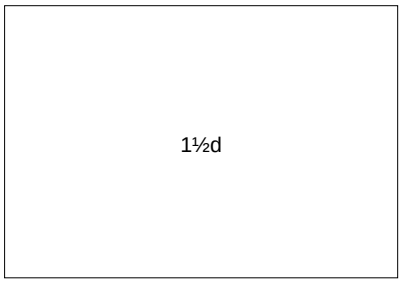


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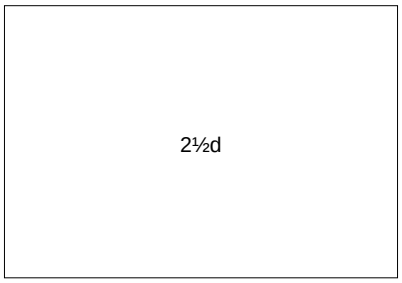
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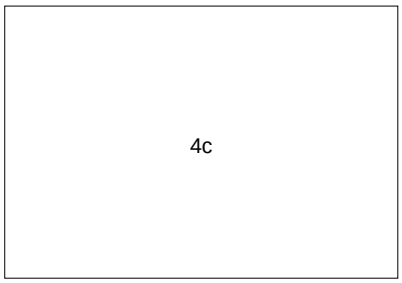


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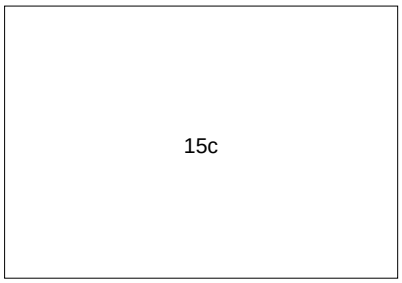


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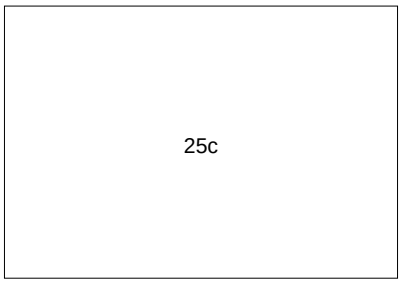
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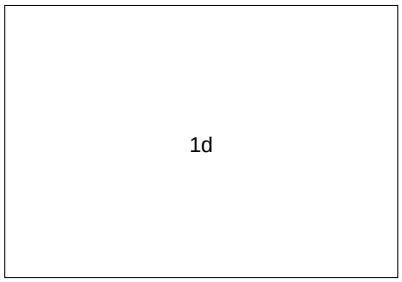


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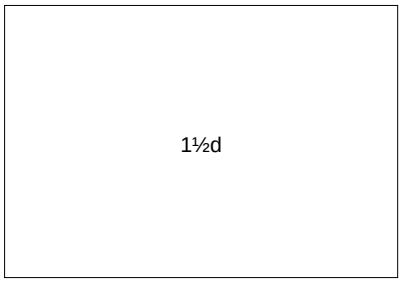


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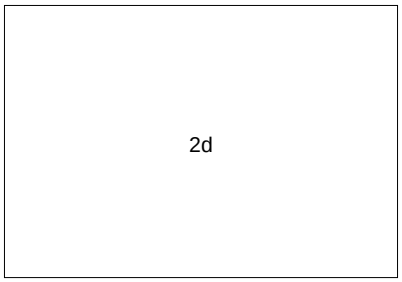
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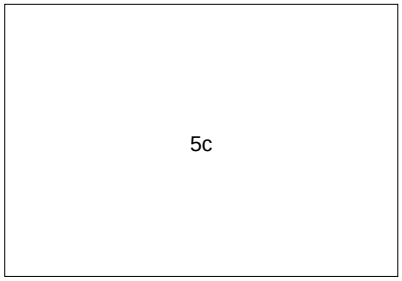
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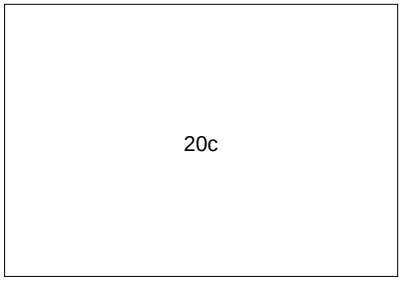
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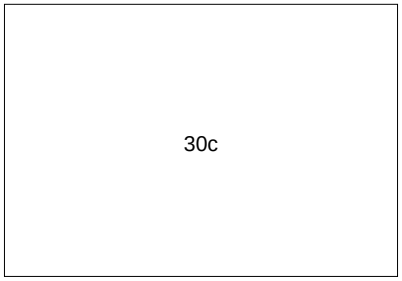
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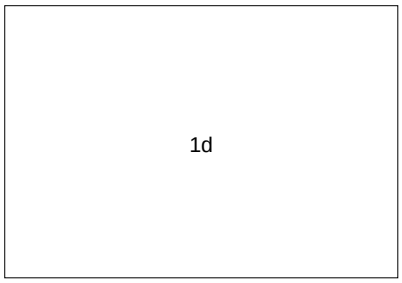


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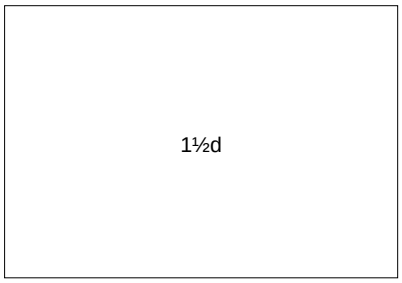


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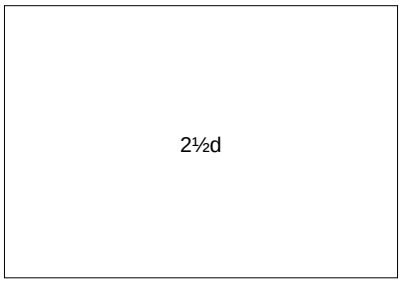
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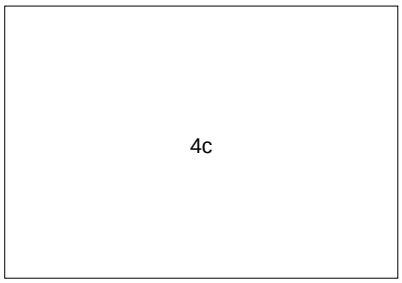


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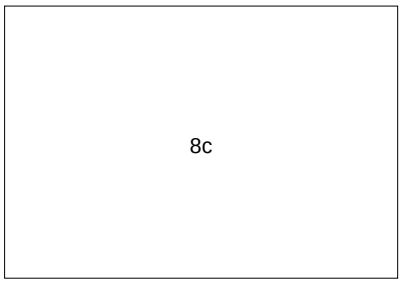


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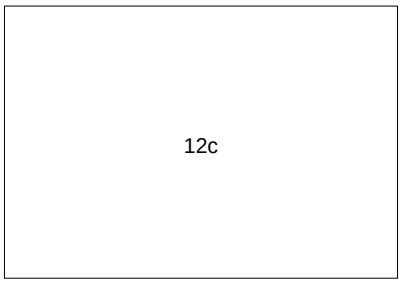
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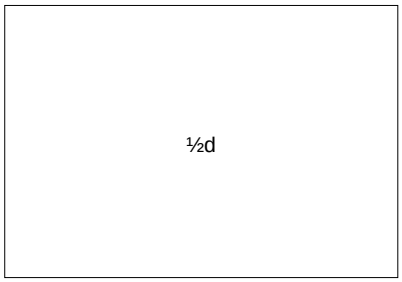


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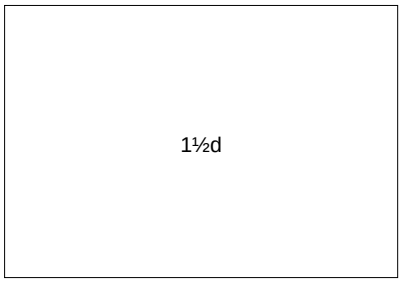


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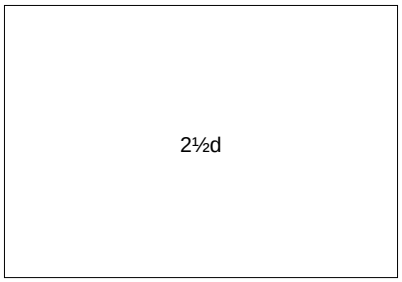
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MAURITIUS

5c	12c	20c
SG249	SG250	SG251

MONTSERRAT

1d	1½d	2½d
SG98	SG99	SG100

MOROCCO AGENCIES

Spanish Currency	French Currency	Tangiers
centimos	centimes	
SG164	SG229	SG244

NEW ZEALAND

	2½d	6d
SG99	SG100	SG101

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NIUE

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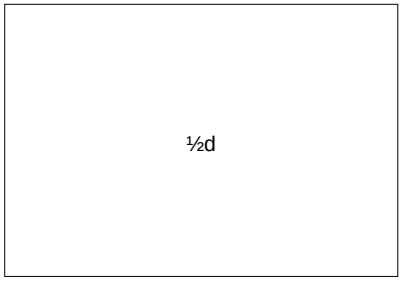
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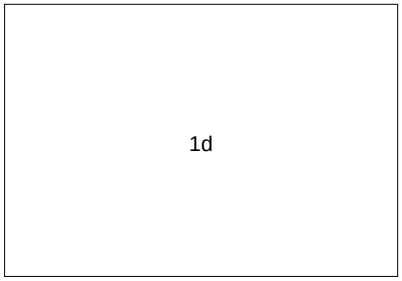
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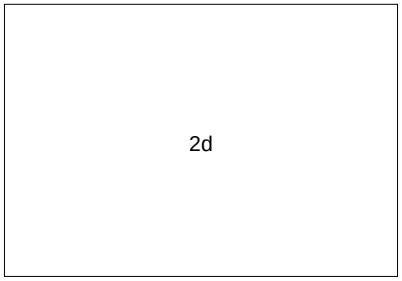
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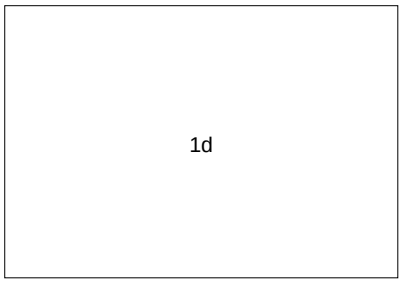


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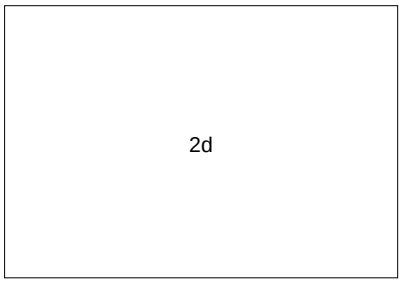


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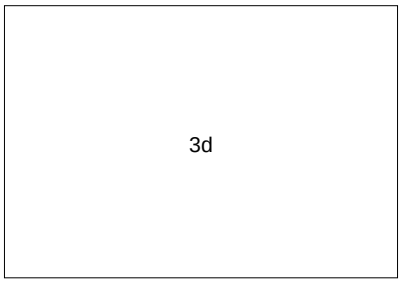
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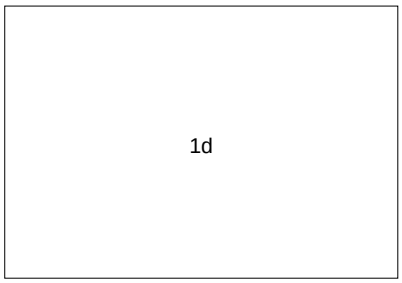


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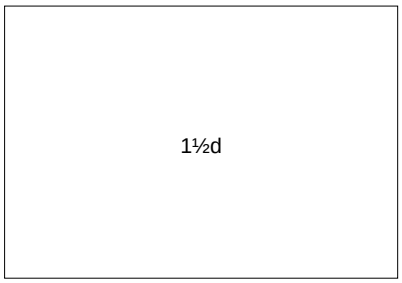


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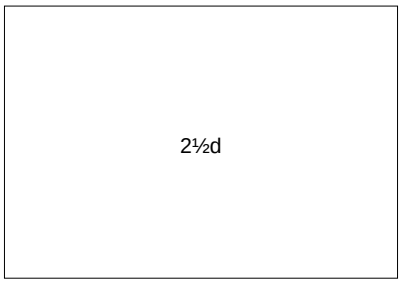
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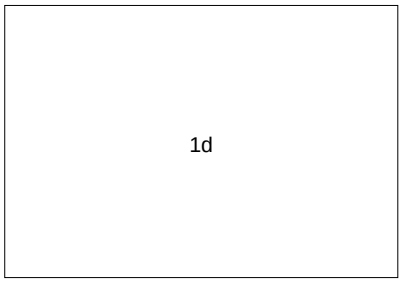


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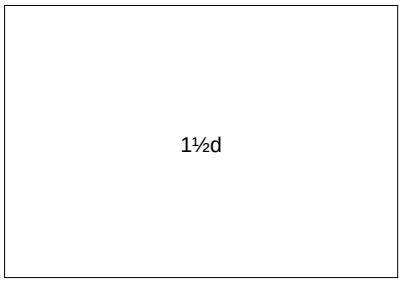


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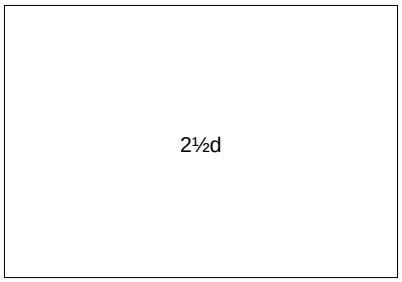
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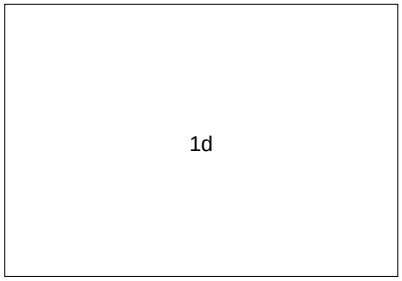
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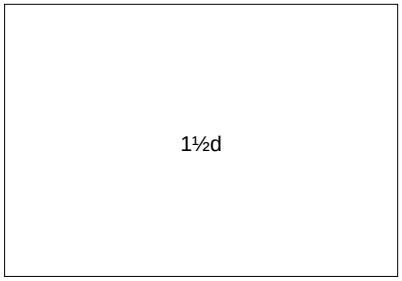
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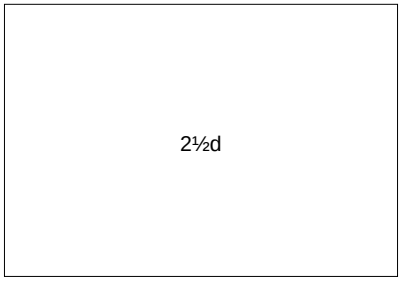
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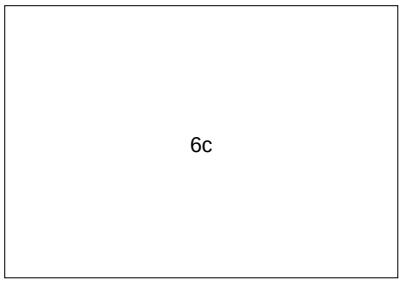


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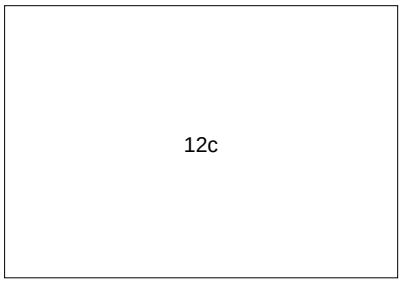


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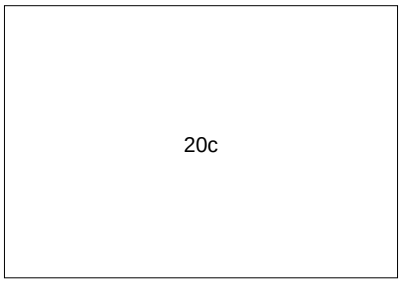
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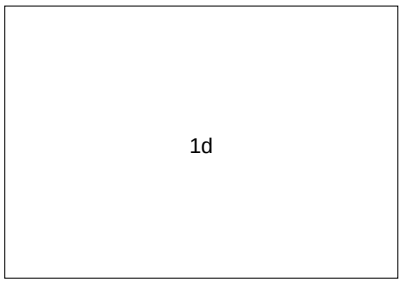


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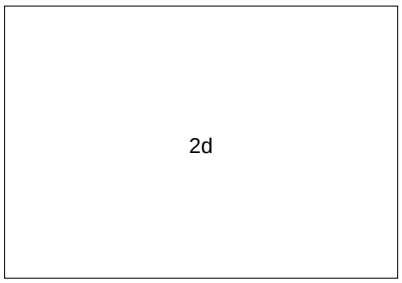


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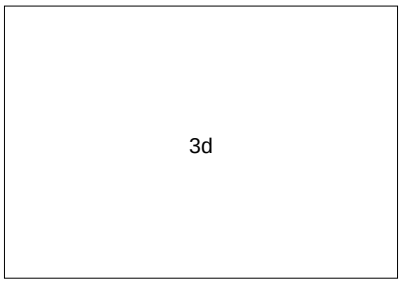
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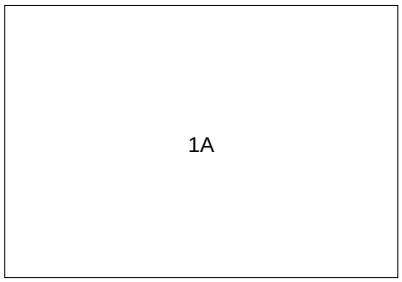


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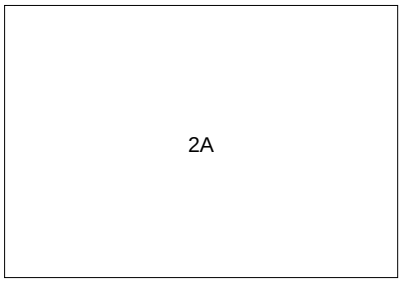


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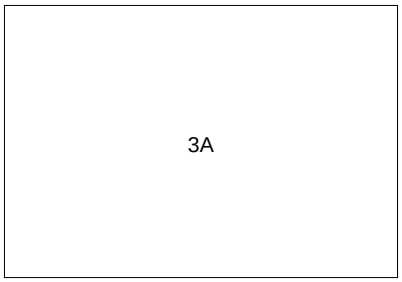
SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE



SG90



SG91



SG92

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SOUTH AFRICA - Bilingual Pairs



SG71

1d

SG72

1½d

SG73

3d

SG74

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SOUTHWEST AFRICA - Bilingual Pairs

½d

SG97

1d

SG98

1½d

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SG102

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SG103



SG104

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SOUTHERN RHODESIA



SG36

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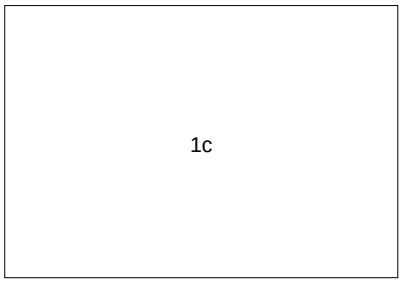
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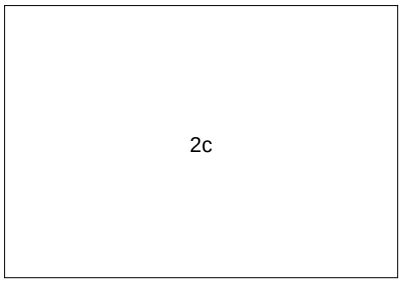
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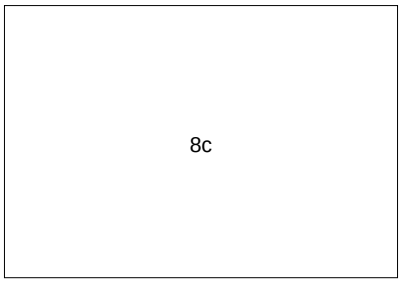
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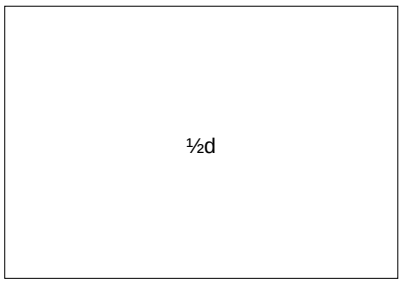


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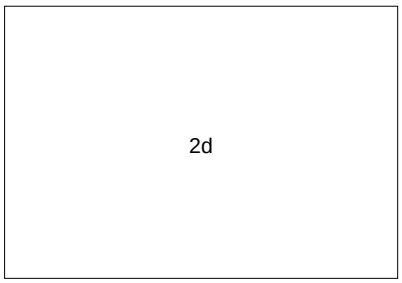


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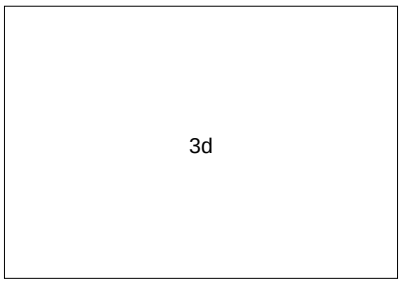
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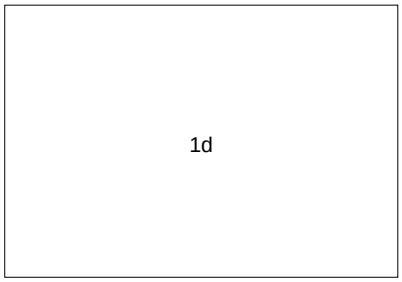


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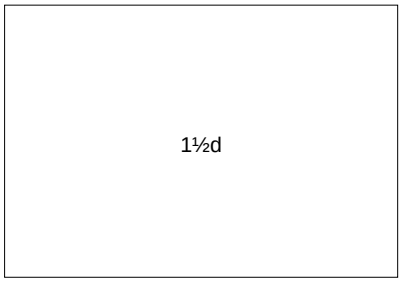


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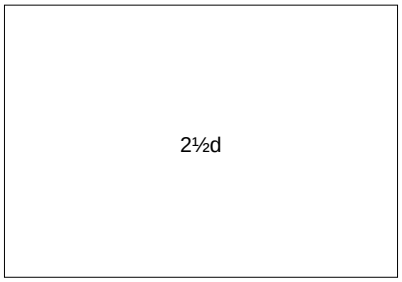
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