



Yvonne: Hello, I'm Yvonne Archer and Alice has joined me for today's 6 Minute English. Hello, Alice!

Alice: Hello, Yvonne.

Yvonne: Of course, the world news is often about the financial crisis, so I thought it would be nice to hear about **philanthropy** on today's programme.

Alice: Very good choice.

Yvonne: Thanks, Alice. So how about explaining 'philanthropy' for us?

Alice: Sure. 'Philanthropy' is something people or companies do to help others in a practical way. For example, they might give away some money to help improve other people's lives.

Yvonne: Hmm. Thanks, Alice. So philanthropy is about generosity, really – giving and being kind to other people. Now, before we hear more I've a question for you. Are you ready, Alice?

Alice: I am.

Yvonne: OK. Of course, coins have been around for hundreds of years. But where was the first true paper money used? Was it in:
a) China

b) Turkey or

c) Egypt

Alice: Oh, I would guess... Turkey.

Yvonne: OK! So, as usual, I'll give you the answer at the end of today's "6 Minute English". Recently, two of the world's wealthiest men – Americans Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, were in India.

Alice: Ah, yes - Bill Gates is the founder of Microsoft and Warren Buffett is a very successful investor. They're both US dollar **billionaires** and have given away considerable – or very large - amounts of money.

Yvonne: Exactly. And in India, there are 55 billionaires, so Bill Gates and Warren Buffett met some of them who are **industrialists** and businessmen, to talk about philanthropy. Let's hear Bill Gates explain more about their trip to India.

Insert 1: Bill Gates

You know, our goal is just to talk about philanthropy and learn from other people. Our experience is that when we talk about it with others that there's a tendency for them to do somewhat more. But we're not trying to, you know, make anyone feel guilty - we're just here to talk about why we do it and see if there's a chance to work together.

Yvonne: Bill Gates talked about their goal – what they're aiming to do or are trying to achieve by visiting India. Did you catch what that was, Alice?

Alice: Yes, several things, actually. Their goal was to talk to people about philanthropy – and why they do it. They also wanted to learn from other people

and find out whether there's a chance – an opportunity – that they might be able to work together.

Yvonne: And what did Bill Gates mean when he said that, after he and Warren Buffett speak to other wealthy people, "there's a tendency for them to do somewhat more"? What's **'a tendency to do something'**?

Alice: 'A tendency to something' means you're more likely to do it. So by talking to other wealthy people about philanthropy, it's more likely they'll get involved.

Yvonne: Next, here's the BBC's Shalu Yadav with a little more information on that visit to India by two of the world's richest men:

Insert 2: Shalu Yadav, BBC

Bill Gates and Warren Buffett have been successful in inspiring billionaires in the United States and China to give away a notable part of their wealth for a good cause. But out of India's 55 billionaires, only a handful have shown the same enthusiasm.

Yvonne: Bill Gates and Warren Buffett have managed to make other billionaires in the United States and China feel that it's a good idea to give away **a notable part of** their wealth - a fairly large amount of their money - for a good cause. Alice, what does the BBC's Shalu Yadav mean by 'for **a good cause**'?

Alice: Well, 'for a good cause' means for what the philanthropists think is a good reason. For example, if you give money to a charity that helps people to access clean drinking water, most people would agree that it's a good cause. You're giving your money away to help other people.

Yvonne: Mm. So far, only **a handful of** – very few - of India's 55 billionaires have shown the same **enthusiasm** to become philanthropists. So far, they haven't shown the same amount of passion and eagerness that Bill Gates and Warren Buffett show for philanthropy.

Alice: Perhaps they give to charity in other ways?

Yvonne: That's true! OK Alice, I haven't got any money to give you – but you've got something for me, and that's the answer to today's question!

Alice: And hopefully, I've got the right answer?

Yvonne: Well, let's see. I asked: where was the first true paper money used? Was it in China, Turkey or Egypt?

Alice: And I said Turkey.

Yvonne: Well, the first coins came from what is now Turkey, but the answer is China. True paper money was used between 600 and 1455 there, although true paper money didn't really work well until it was printed in Massachusetts in the United States in the 1690s. So Alice, as you're feeling so philanthropic, why don't you remind us of some of the language we heard in today's "6 Minute English"?

Alice: Today, we heard:
philanthropy
billionaires
industrialists

a tendency to do something

a notable part of

a good cause

a handful of

enthusiasm

Yvonne: Lovely, thanks so much, Alice. And that's all for today, but do join us again for more "6 Minute English" soon.

Both: Goodbye!

Vocabulary and definitions

philanthropy	the effort to improve something by giving time, money or attention
billionaires	people whose wealth is greater than a billion - in this example - US dollars
industrialists	people who own or develop big businesses
a tendency to do something	usually does something
a notable part of	a significant aspect of
a good cause	a problem or charitable organisation worthy of money and attention
a handful of	very few of
enthusiasm	eagerness to do something or be involved in it

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