

Vocabulary: Money makes the world go round

1. Have a look at the different things one can do with money. When did you last do any of them? Which of them have you never done? Which one would you never do? Why? Discuss with a partner.

borrow money from a friend / pay for goods in a different currency / pay for something by credit card / pay interest on a loan or mortgage / put cash in a piggy bank / spend a large sum of money on yourself / use online banking

2. Verbs and money: Complete the sentences with a verb from the list.

be worth /bi wɜːθ/ borrow /ˈbɒrəʊ/ can't afford /kɑːnt ə'fɔːd/ charge /tʃɑːdʒ/ cost /kɒst/ earn /ɜːn/
inherit /ɪn'herɪt/ invest /ɪn'vest/ lend /lend/ owe /əʊ/ raise /reɪz/ save /seɪv/ waste /weɪst/

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| 1 My uncle is going to leave me £2,000. | I'm going to <u>inherit</u> £2,000. |
| 2 I put some money aside every week for a holiday. | I <u>save</u> money every week. |
| 3 My brother has promised to give me €50 until next week. | He has promised to <u>lend</u> me €50. |
| 4 I need to ask my mum to give me £20 until Friday. | I need to <u>borrow</u> £20 from my mum. |
| 5 I often spend money on stupid things. | I often <u>waste</u> money. |
| 6 I don't have enough money to buy that car. | I <u>can't afford</u> to buy that car. |
| 7 I usually have to pay the mechanic £100 to service my car. | The mechanic <u>charges</u> me £100. |
| 8 These shoes are quite expensive. They are \$200. | They <u>cost</u> \$200. |
| 9 Jim gave me £100. I haven't paid it back yet. | I <u>owe</u> Jim £100. |
| 10 I want to put money in a bank account. They'll give me 5% interest. | I want to <u>invest</u> some money. |
| 11 I work in a supermarket. They pay me £1,000 a month. | I <u>earn</u> £1,000 a month. |
| 12 I could sell my house for about €200,000. | My house <u>is worth</u> about €200,000. |
| 13 We need to get people to give money to build a new hospital. | We want to <u>raise</u> money for the new hospital. |

3. Prepositions and money: Complete the column with a word from the list.

back / by / for (x2) / from / in (x2) / into / on / to

1. Would you like to pay in cash or by credit card?
2. I paid for the dinner last night. It was my birthday.
3. I spent \$50 on books last night.
4. My uncle invested all his money in property.
5. I don't like lending money to friends.
6. I borrowed a lot of money from the bank.
7. They charged us £60 for a bottle of wine.
8. I can only lend you the money if you pay me back next week.
9. I never get into debt.

4. Nouns and money: Match the nouns and definitions.

bill / cash machine (AmE: ATM) / coin / loan / note / salary / tax

1. ...note..... a piece of paper money (US: Bill)
2. ...coin..... a piece of money made of metal
3. ...bill..... a piece of paper which shows how much money to pay for something (US: check)
4. ...salary..... the money you get for the work you do
5. ...tax..... money that you pay to the government
6. ...loan..... money that somebody (or a bank) lends you
7. ...cash machine..... a machine where you can get money (US: ATM)

5. Speaking: Form groups of three and look at the sayings below. Each group member chooses a different saying and thinks about it for two minutes. Then talk about it for one minute without stopping. Try to speak fluently without leaving big gaps and without repeating yourself.

"Money makes the world go round."

"Money is the root of all evil."

"Money doesn't grow on trees."

Money makes the world go round – KEY

1.

- individual answers –

2.

1. inherit
2. save
3. lend
4. borrow
5. waste
6. can't afford
7. charges
8. cost
9. owe
10. invest
11. earn
12. is worth
13. raise

3.

1. in / by
2. for
3. on
4. in
5. to
6. from
7. for
8. back
9. into

4.

1. note (American English: bill)
2. coin
3. bill (AmE: check)
4. salary
5. tax
6. loan
7. cash machine / ATM