



# The Lottery

Conversation > Advanced 7



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

<b>win the lottery</b>	To get a prize, especially money, in a lottery.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: The odds that you will <b>win the lottery</b> are about 1 in 14 million.</i>

<b>prize money</b>	Money as a prize in a lottery or competition.
[noun]	<i>Ex: He received just short of £25 million in <b>prize money</b>.</i>

<b>opt</b>	To choose something as an alternative over something else.
[verb]	<i>Ex: I <b>opted</b> to file my taxes electronically this year.</i>



<b>approximately</b>	Roughly but not exactly.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: It's <b>approximately</b> twelve o'clock.</i>

<b>conservative</b>	Traditional, cautious, and likely to follow and support rules.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: I work for a very <b>conservative</b> company that has strict rules.</i>

<b>prudent</b>	Careful and wise, avoiding risk.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: One should be very <b>prudent</b> with personal data online.</i>



## Exercise 2 – Dialogue

*Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.*

David: What would you do if you won the lottery?

Howard: It depends on how much prize money I get.

David: Let's say you won approximately a million dollars.

Howard: Oh! I'd definitely treat myself. I'd buy a fancy car, a big hat, and maybe even a big gold chain.

David: You're such a show off, Howard!

Howard: Well, what would you do with a million dollars, smart guy?

David: I'd probably opt for a more conservative approach. I'd put half in a high-interest savings account.



Howard: And what would you do with the other half?

David: I'd invest the other half in promising new businesses.

Howard: Why would you do something like that, David?

David: Because that way I could quit my job and live off the interest.

Howard: I have to admit, that's prudent. But it's not very fun.

David: Not all of us spend our time messing around and making prank phone calls, Howard.

Howard: Well, not all of us are boring either, David.



## Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

*Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.*

### Answer Pool

prudent

opt

win the lottery

conservative

prize money

Approximately

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 20,000 people showed up at the event.
2. People in this small farming town are very \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Did you \_\_\_\_\_? You seem very happy.
4. They may \_\_\_\_\_ to work at home when weather conditions are severe.
5. He bought a new house with the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You should always be \_\_\_\_\_ when making a credit card payment.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

*Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.*

**Scene:** Your neighbor won the lottery. Share the news with your friend Susan and discuss what you would do with the money if you won the lottery. The teacher can be Susan.



## Exercise 5 – Discussion

*Discuss the following questions with your tutor.*

1. Do you buy lottery tickets? Why or why not?
2. What kinds of lotteries are popular in your country?
3. Do you think that winning the lottery could have a negative impact on a person's life?
4. Do you know someone who won the lottery? If so, how much did he/she win?
5. Do you think some people are luckier than others? Why or why not?