

COMMUNICATION

Discussing the role of money in life

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Intermediate (B1)

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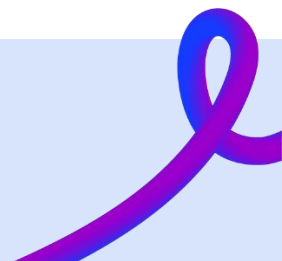
LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can discuss the role money plays in life and share my own views on the topic.
- I can use a range of phrases to agree and disagree with others' opinions on the topic.





Warm-up

You're going to a **read an article** on the next slide. Here is some vocabulary from the article.
Match the words with the **correct definition**.



1 millionaire

2 worth

3 to inherit

4 wealth

5 happiness

a state of feeling joy or pleasure

b to receive money when someone dies

c person with over £ € \$ 1,000,000

d having a value in money

e a large amount of money

Look at the vocabulary again. Can you **predict what the text is going to be about**? Discuss your ideas together as a class!

Reading

Read the article below. Can you find the words from the previous slide in the text?

Harvard study reveals new secrets to happiness

Two researchers from Harvard University have revealed new links between money and happiness.

As part of their study, Grant E. Donnelly and Michael Norton studied the happiness levels of an unusual group of people: 4,000 millionaires. So, does having more money really make you happier?

The answer is: it doesn't *just* depend on the amount. The study found that although

the difference in happiness levels between someone who is worth \$1 and \$2 million is small, those worth \$10 million or more are in fact significantly happier than those with \$1-2 million.

The researchers also discovered the way in which the very well-off make their money was a very important factor for happiness levels. Those who earned, rather than inherited, their wealth reported being far happier.

Finally, and perhaps most



interestingly of all, the study found the happiest multi-millionaires were not those living the most comfortable lives, but those who actually gave large parts of their wealth away to others.



Discuss in breakout rooms or as a class

For breakout rooms: **find** one thing you and your partner have in common.

Would you prefer to earn or inherit a large amount of money?



Do you think giving away our money can actually make us happier?

Can you think of a situation from your own life?



Order the paragraphs

Put the parts of the text (A-D) into the correct order, from first to last paragraph (1-4).

1

2

3

4

A

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B

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C

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D

The answer: it doesn't just depend on the amount. The study found that although the difference in happiness levels between someone worth \$1 and \$2 million is small, those with a net worth of \$10 million or more are significantly happier than those with \$1-2 million.



Categorise as nouns or adjectives

Are the following words **nouns** or **adjectives**? Do you know the meaning of all of them?



1

amount

2

wealthy

3

money

4

earnings

5

worth

6

well-off

7

happiness

8

comfortable

Nouns

Adjectives



Phrases for agreeing and disagreeing

Reorder the words to form correct phrases. Which are for agreeing? Which are for disagreeing?

1 don't / agree / you / with / on / that / I / 100%



I don't 100% agree with you on that.

2 I / think / so / don't



3 absolutely / right / you're / there



4 with / I'm / that / you / on



5 both / agree / we / definitely / on / that



6 sure / not / I'm / about / that / idea / so

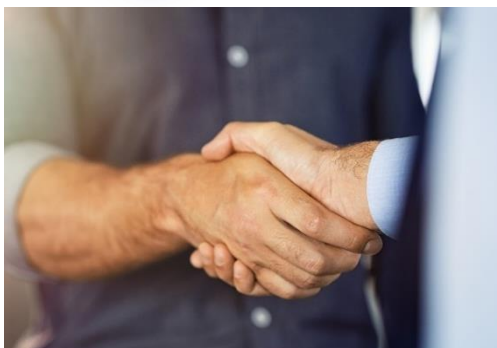




I ~~am~~ agree with
you!

I agree **with** you
on/about that!

I agree with you
that money isn't
everything!



Why is this phrase
incorrect?

Which preposition do
we use for people and
which for topics?

Why do we need **that** in
this sentence?



Quotes about money

Your teacher will now read out **three quotes about money**. Do you **agree** or **disagree** with each of their ideas?

I don't 100% agree with you on that!

"Never spend your money before you have it."

You're absolutely right!

"Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that."

I'm not so sure about that!

"Money is only a tool. It'll take you where you wish, but it won't replace you as the driver."

You've won the lottery!

Now, as a group, imagine **you win £10,000,000 on the lottery**. From the pictures below, you can only **buy three items**. As a group you must agree on which three to buy!

Let's spend it on a holiday to the Maldives!

I'm not so sure about that idea.

1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



Time to talk!

Ask a classmate as many of the following questions as you can. What can you find out about them?



- Can money buy us happiness or not?
- What are some things that money can't buy?
- How much money do we need in order to be happy?
- Have you ever dreamed of being a millionaire?
- Is it better to earn or inherit money?
- What's the average salary for a teacher, doctor or lawyer in your country?
- Are there any jobs that you think earn too much money? Which ones?



End of the lesson

Idiom

Big bucks

Meaning: Used to describe a person who makes a lot of money.

Example: Have you heard about John? He just got promoted and is now earning *big bucks*!



Additional practice



Write a sentence

Choose one of the words listed below and write it in a correct sentence.

1 inherit



2 wealthy



3 worth



4 millionaire

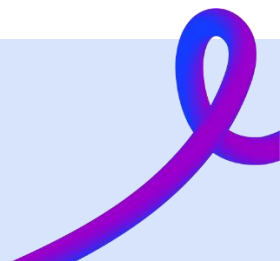


5 earn



6 happiness







What will you spend it on?

Your teacher is going to **give you the following sums of money**. You can only buy one item with each. What is the best way of spending each amount? Whose ideas did you agree with the most?



£10

£50

£100

£1,000



Writing task

Write a **short text** about how much money is needed to **live comfortably where you live**.

How much money does a person need to spend on the following?

- Food
- Leisure
- Transport
- Housing
- Clothes
- Health





Fill in the gaps

Complete the phrases below. **Decide** if we use it to **agree** or **disagree** with someone.

1 You're _____ right.

2 I don't think _____.

3 I don't _____ agree with you on that.

4 I'm _____ you on that.

5 I am not sure _____ that.

so
about
100%
absolutely
with



Discuss

How should we **teach kids** about the **role of money** in life? Discuss your ideas as a class!

**Should young children
be given an allowance?**



**Should older teenagers
have a part-time job?**



Answer Key

P.3: 1. c; 2. d; 3. b; 4. e; 5. a

P.6: C, D, A, B

P.7: **Nouns:** amount, money, earnings, happiness.

Adjectives: wealthy, worth, well-off, comfortable

Also, the wealthy, the worthy and the well-off – these are also collective nouns.

P.8: 2. I don't think so

3. You're absolutely right there

4. I'm with you on that

5. We both definitely agree on that

6. I'm not so sure about that idea

P.19: 1. absolutely; 2. so; 3. 100%, 4. with, 5. about



Summary

- When discussing the role of money in life, we can talk about the **amount** of money a person has, how much they make, their **earnings**, or describe how **comfortably** they live.
 - We can differentiate between people who **inherit** their money and those who **earn** it.
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- We can refer to someone we see as having a lot of money as **wealthy** or **well-off**.
 - We can also say how much someone, or something, is **worth** to talk about its **value**.
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- When discussing the role of money, we will encounter **a wide range of opinions** on the topic.
 - It's important to be able to **agree and disagree with others' opinions** politely.
 - Careful! We say to agree **with** someone **about/on** something OR **that** + another clause NOT ~~be~~ agree...
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- We can use the following phrases to do so politely:
 - Agreeing: *You're absolutely right; I'm with you on that; We both definitely agree on that*
 - Disagreeing: *I don't 100% agree with you on that; I don't think so; I'm not so sure about that idea*



Vocabulary

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comfortable

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