

VOCABULARY

# Money talks

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## Learning outcomes

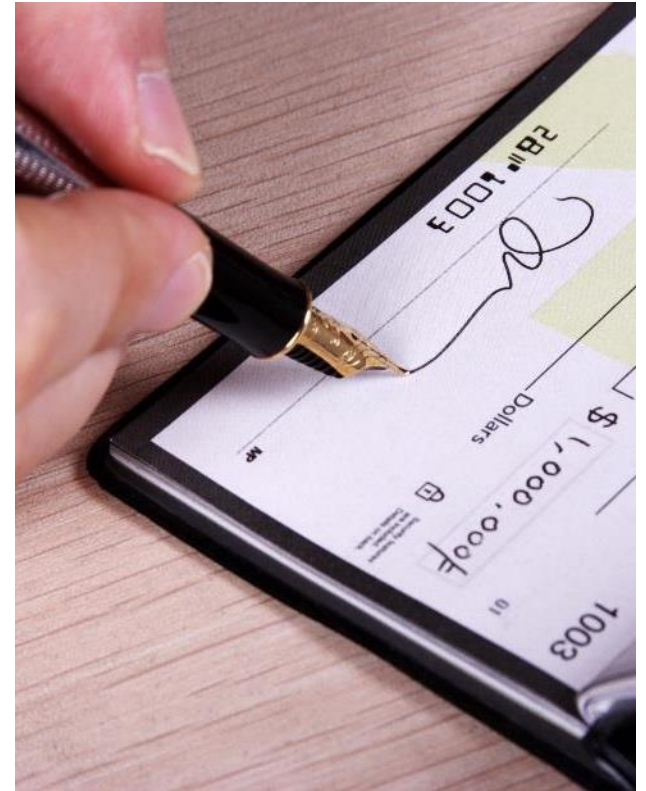
- I can recognise some basic terms related to banking and personal finance.
- I can talk about my monthly expenses and spending habits in my country.



## Warm-up

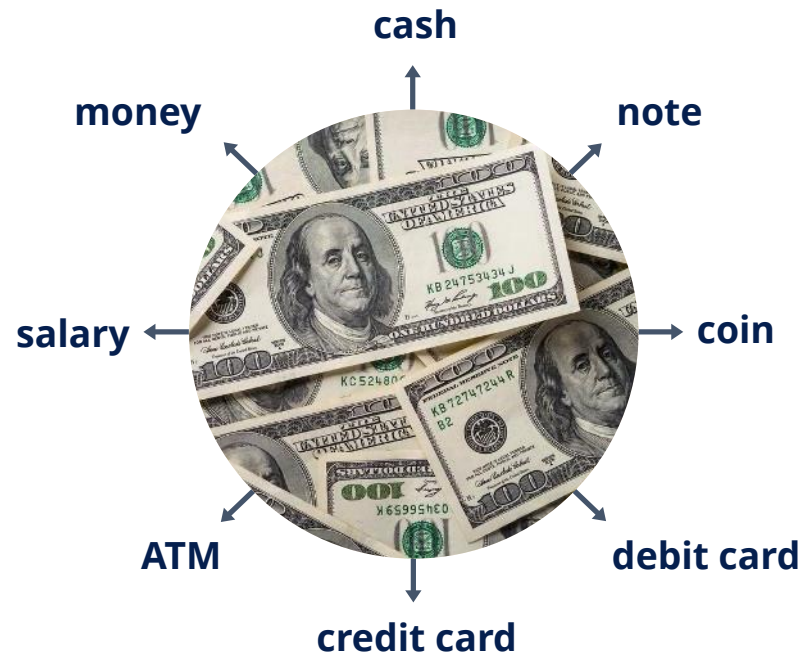
**Have you ever  
written a  
cheque?**

**Share your answer with the  
rest of the class!**





# Vocabulary review





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# Cash or credit?



I don't have enough **cash**. I need to find an **ATM**.

Why don't you just **pay** with a **credit card** instead?



# An expensive shirt



Are you going **to buy** that shirt?

It's very **expensive**, and I don't want **to overspend**.



We won some extra **money** at the casino. You should just buy it if you like it.

I will ask the **cashier** if I can **pay** with my **debit card**.







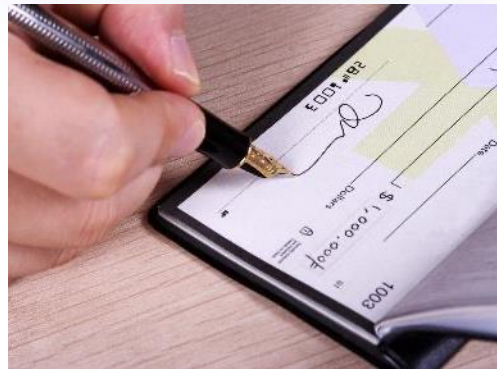
# Vocabulary

**bank account**



I deposit my money  
in my **bank account**.

**cheque**



I usually pay my bills  
by writing **cheques**  
and sending them in  
the mail.

**overdraft**



I'm very careful to  
watch my balance,  
so I don't use the  
**overdraft** on my  
account.





# Vocabulary

**loan**



My high credit rating makes it easier to get a **loan** from the bank.

**credit rating**



I pay my bills on time, and I avoid overdrafts, so I have a high **credit rating**.



# Getting a loan



Your **credit rating** is quite high. You always pay your debts.

It would be our pleasure to give you a **loan** for your new business.





# Going into your overdraft



On Monday, I deposited twenty dollars into my **bank account**.

On Tuesday, I wrote a **cheque** for thirty dollars.



On Wednesday, I went \$10 into the **overdraft** on my bank account.

This could lower my **credit rating**.





# True or false

1. **Read** the statements.
2. **Decide** if they are true or false.

		True	False
1	If I get a loan, I have to pay the money back.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	I can write a cheque even if I don't have a bank account.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	If I go into my overdraft, I will have a good credit rating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	If I have a good credit rating, it is easier to get a loan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	If I write a cheque for more than I have in my bank account, I will go into my overdraft.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# Multiple choice

Choose the correct answer.

1 I want to buy a new house. It costs more money than I have. I need a...

a. overdraft

b. loan

2 I had \$100 in my bank account. I wrote a cheque for \$150. I went into my...

a. credit rating

b. overdraft

3 I go into my overdraft every month and I pay my bills late. I have a bad...

a. credit rating

b. loan



# Fill in the gaps

Fill in the **gaps** with the correct word.

1. I needed a new \_\_\_\_\_ at a local bank, and they made me deposit \$500 to open it.
2. I wrote four \_\_\_\_\_: \$150 for my electricity bill, \$100 for my water bill, \$300 for my rent, and \$50 for my phone bill.
3. I had \$500 in my bank account but spent \$600 on bills. Will I go into my \_\_\_\_\_?
4. Oh no! I need a \_\_\_\_\_ for \$100 to get out of my overdraft.
5. If I don't get out of my overdraft, my \_\_\_\_\_ will go down.
6. I had better be more careful when I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my bills!



paying

loan

bank  
account

cheques

overdraft

credit  
rating





# Vocabulary

**income**



My salary is my **income**. It is the money I can spend.

**expense**



I have many **expenses** that I must pay for, like my monthly rent and phone bill.

**budget**



Every month I look at my income and my expenses and create a **budget** to make sure I don't overspend.



# Vocabulary

**disposable  
income/spare cash**



If my budget shows I have more income than expenses, I have a little **disposable income/spare cash** to spend on films and restaurants.

**currency**



Great Britain's **currency** is the pound.



# One or more currencies



Many countries only accept one **currency**, like dollars in the USA.

Some Asian countries accept their own local **currency**, as well as the US dollar.





# My monthly budget



We are working on our **budget** to make sure we don't overspend on entertainment.

Our monthly **income** is two thousand pounds.



Our household **expenses** come to one thousand eight hundred pounds every month.

That means we have two hundred pounds **spare cash** to spend at the cinema.





# Fill in the gaps

**Choose** the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

1 I have just got a promotion and a raise at work! My salary is higher, so I have more \_\_\_\_\_.

a. currency

b. spare cash

c. expenses

d. income

2 My \_\_\_\_\_ haven't gone up at all because I pay the same bills as always.

a. currency

b. spare cash

c. expenses

d. income

3 That means I should have more \_\_\_\_\_ every month left over in my budget.

a. currency

b. spare cash

c. expenses

d. income

4 I'm going to convert that to a different \_\_\_\_\_ and take a trip to another country.

a. currency

b. spare cash

c. expenses

d. income



# Now and then

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **compare** how bank accounts, currency, and debit cards have changed over the years.

- 1 How did your grandparents receive their income and pay their expenses?
- 2 How did your parents receive their income and pay their expenses?
- 3 How do you receive your income and pay your expenses?







# Vocabulary

**tax**



The government charges **tax** on my income and on my purchases.

**gross**



My **gross** income is what I earn before taxes and other expenses are taken out of my salary.

**net**



My **net** income is what is left after taxes, and this is what I deposit in my bank account.



# Vocabulary

**profit**



If a company earns more than it spends, it makes a **profit**.

**loss**



If a company spends more than it earns, it has a **loss**.



We will have to sell  
200 laptops to **break  
even**.

If you **break even**, you earn enough  
money to pay for your expenses, but not  
enough to make a profit.



# Profit or loss?



Companies try to increase their **income** and decrease their **expenses**.

This means they will have a higher **net profit**, and they will have no **loss**.





# A company or a person?



I have to pay **taxes** on my **gross income**.

A company has to pay **taxes** on their **net profit**.



If a company has a **loss**, they don't have to pay any **taxes**.

If I have a poor **budget** and my **expenses** are more than my **income**, I still have to pay **taxes**.





# Your budget

**Answer** the questions below.

**What do you spend most of your money on?**



**How do you keep track of your expenses?**





# End of the lesson

Idiom

***break the bank***

**Meaning:** to be very expensive, to cost a lot of money

**Example:** Don't worry, it only costs one dollar. That's not going to break the bank.



# Additional practice



# Eating in your country

**Answer** the questions below.

**Is it cheaper to eat at home or in a restaurant where you live?**

**How do you pay for food?**

**Is there tax on food in your country?**

**Is eating out at restaurants a big part of your budget's expenses?**



# Fill in the gaps

**Choose** the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

1 The company earns more than it spends. Therefore, it makes a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. gross                      b. net                      c. profit                      d. loss

2 The company spends more than it makes. Therefore, it has a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. gross                      b. net                      c. profit                      d. loss

3 My \_\_\_\_\_ income is what I earn after taxes.

- a. gross                      b. net                      c. profit                      d. loss

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- a. gross                      b. net                      c. profit                      d. loss

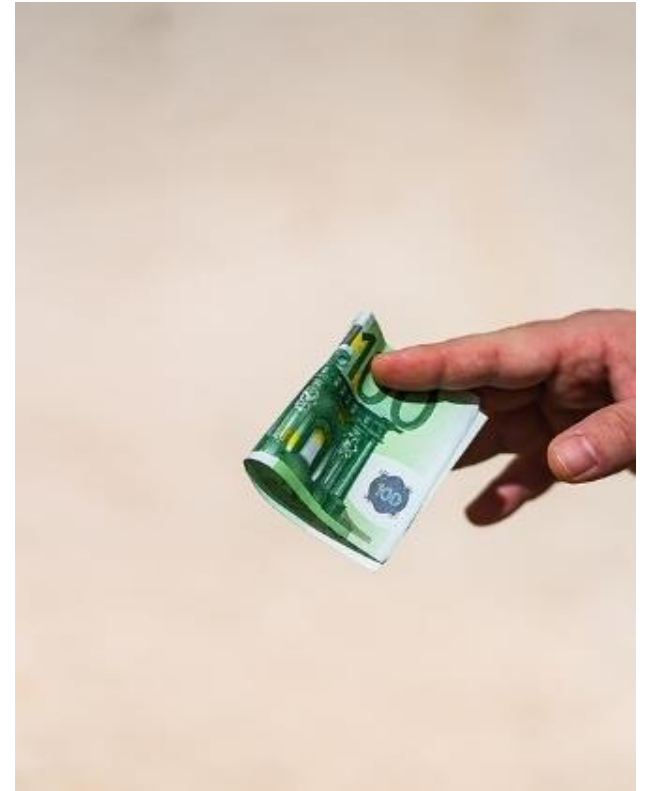


# Discuss

**Answer** the questions below.

**What is your  
country's  
currency?**

**What does it look like?**







# Answer key

**P.11:** 1.) True 2.) False 3.) False 4.) True 5.) True

**P.13:** 1.) b 2.) b 3.) a

**P. 14:** 1.) bank account 2.) cheques 3.) overdraft 4.) loan 5.) credit rating 6.) paying

**P.19:** 1.) d 2.) c 3.) b 4.) a

**P.31:** 1.) c 2.) d 3.) b 4.) a



# Summary

## Banking and personal finance

- *bank account; cheque; overdraft; loan; credit rating*
- *currency; tax; gross; net; profit; loss*

## Earnings and expenses

- *income; expense; budget*
- *disposable income; spare cash*



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