

# Money and Shopping

**Conversation Club — Week 2**

# Warmup Conversation

1. Are you a price conscious shopper? Explain.
2. Are you good at saving money? Are you saving money to buy something? What?
3. Do you enjoy shopping? Why or why not?
4. Do you ever buy second-hand things? ("used things")
5. Do you ever give money to charity? What charity? How often?
6. Do you haggle when you shop? If so, do you enjoy it? Why or why not?
7. Do you have a credit card? Do you think they're beneficial or harmful? Explain.
8. Do you invest in the stock market?
9. Have you ever been in debt? When do you think debt is ok? When is it not ok?
10. How much time did you spend the last time you went shopping?
11. How often do you go shopping? What kind of things do you often shop for?
12. If someone gave you a lot of money, what would you do with it?
13. Some people say that "money makes the world go around." Do you agree? Why or why not?
14. In a marriage, do you think one person should handle the finances, or both?
15. Should children get an allowance (pocket money) from their parents?

# Money Proverbs



What do you think these mean? Discuss with a partner:

1. The best things in life are free.
2. Time is money.
3. Save your pennies for a rainy day.
4. Money talks.
5. You can't take it with you when you go.
6. Money doesn't grow on trees.

# Collocations & Expressions

1. To save up for something
2. To set aside money
3. To dip into your savings
4. To pay up
5. To fork out money
6. To take out a loan or mortgage
7. To pay off a loan
8. To pay someone back
9. To buy someone off
10. To rip someone off
11. To go under (referring to a company)
12. To shop around
13. To stock up on something
14. To cut back on something



# Practice

1. Is it hard for you to save up for big purchases? Are you saving up for anything right now?
2. Have you ever been ripped off? What happened?
3. What type of companies are going under right now?
4. Do you use credit cards? Do you always try to pay off your balance at the end of the month?
5. What loans have you taken out in your life? How long did it take (or is it going to take) to pay back these loans?
6. Have you had to fork over money for something recently? Why weren't you happy about paying?
7. What expenses are you trying to cut back on right now?
8. Do you normally shop around before making purchases? For what things do you normally shop around?
9. What type of things do you stock up on? Why?

# English Idioms: Money

Balance the books



Make sure all money is accounted for.

Bring home the bacon



Earn money to support your family.

Nest Egg



Money that has been saved up.

Cook the books



Dishonest accounting.

Go Dutch



Split a bill equally.

Gravy train



A job which pays a lot of money for little effort.

Golden handshake



A payment made to a departing employee.

Cheapskate



A person who will not spend much money.

# Expert Game

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# Quizlet Live

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# Question Game

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# “Homework”

- Pronunciation
  - Identify one specific pronunciation problem you’re having. Explain on the WhatsApp group or email it to me.
- Speak, speak, speak (in English)!
- Have questions or suggestions?
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