

account (n)	export (n)	payment (n)
afford (v)	figure (n)	rate (n)
balance (n)	finance (n)	spending (n)
borrow (v)	global (adj)	statement (n)
charge (v)	import (n)	tax (n)
credit (v)	interest (n)	trade (n)
due (adj)	lend (v)	value (v)
economic (adj)	loan (n)	worth (adj)
economy (n)	owe (v)	

A Complete the descriptions using words and phrases from the box.

afford borrow charge interest due interest rate lend loan
payments personal finances spending values worth

A mortgage is a type of ¹ _____. It's money you ² _____ from a bank to buy a property: a house or an apartment. First, an expert ³ _____ the property to decide how much it's ⁴ _____. Then the bank looks at your ⁵ _____: how much you earn, your average monthly ⁶ _____, etc. They use this information to decide how much you can ⁷ _____ to pay each month. If the bank agrees to ⁸ _____ you the money, they will also ⁹ _____. So each month you will pay back some of the loan, plus the interest. If you get a good deal, the ¹⁰ _____ will be quite low. Of course, if you aren't able to make the mortgage ¹¹ _____ each month when they're ¹² _____, the bank can sell your home to get the money back.



borrow money from someone: *He had to **borrow money from** the bank.*

lend money to someone: *The bank **lends money to** small businesses.*

lend someone money: *The banks **lend small businesses money**.*

get/take out/repay a loan: *She **took out a €5,000 loan** to buy a car.*

charge a fee/a rate/a price/interest: *Hotels near the airport can **charge higher prices**.*

B Match the first part of the sentences (1–9) to the second part (a–i).

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| 1 Max borrowed some money | a buy a new car. |
| 2 Lucy and Pete can't afford to | b the mortgage payments every month. |
| 3 George lent some money | c the house at €200,000. |
| 4 Some travel websites charge | d on 26th October. |
| 5 Emily decided to take out | e a small loan from the bank. |
| 6 John and Anna find it hard to make | f more than €450,000. |
| 7 Payment for the course is due | g to his grandson to open a small cafe. |
| 8 The agent valued | h from his parents for the plane ticket. |
| 9 Their city-centre apartment is worth | i a fee for booking. |

C Complete the conversation. Use one word from the vocabulary list at the top of the page for each space.

Bank manager So, looking at your personal ¹ _____, you said you earn around €1,500 a month. What's your average ² _____ on food, transport and basic things like that?

Roxy It varies, but I guess I spend around €500 a month altogether on those kinds of things.

Bank manager OK. So do you think you could ³ _____ to make a monthly ⁴ _____ of €500 for the mortgage?

Roxy Yes, I think that sounds OK. Can I ask how much ⁵ _____ you'll charge?

Bank manager Well, the interest ⁶ _____ will depend on exactly how much you ⁷ _____ and how long you choose to pay it back. Let's look at some of the different deals we offer ...

D Complete the news reports using words and phrases from the boxes.

are owed balance bank accounts credited to next statement tax

The finance minister admitted today that more than three million people paid too much in ¹_____ last year. He apologized for the error and said that the money would be ²_____ people's ³_____ within the next 14 days. People who ⁴_____ money back will receive an email. He advised those affected to check their ⁵_____ online or to look on their ⁶_____ when it arrives.

economy exports figures global economic situation imports international trade

The latest government statistics show that the ⁷_____ grew slightly last year. In particular, there was an increase in ⁸_____. ⁹_____ of goods to other countries increased by 6.3%, and ¹⁰_____ of goods into the country also rose by 3.4%. Our financial reporter, Lisa Heeley, looks at how these latest ¹¹_____ have been affected by the ¹²_____.

We use **economic** to describe things relating to the economy of a country. We use **financial** to describe things relating to money and finance.

economic/growth/development/policy/crisis: *the global economic crisis*

financial services/institution/markets: *banks and other financial institutions*

You can use **finance** and **financial** to talk about individuals, but not **economic**.

financial problems/difficulties/advisor: *Some families are experiencing financial problems.*

personal/family finances: *When she lost her job, it seriously affected the family finances.*

If you want to describe something that saves you money, you can say that it is **economical**: *a small, economical car*

E Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The country has experienced huge *economic / economy* growth in recent years.
- 2 He got into *economic / financial* difficulties and couldn't pay his credit card bills.
- 3 People on an average income pay around 20% *balance / tax* on what they earn.
- 4 She decided it was time to get some advice about her personal *finances / figures*.
- 5 To find out how much you have in your account, you can check your *balance / finance* online.
- 6 When you return the goods, the amount will be *credited / owed* to your account.
- 7 Japan is the world's third-largest *economic / economy*.
- 8 The company *borrowes / owes* the bank thousands of dollars.
- 9 Wine is one of France's biggest *exports / imports*; French wine is sold around the world.
- 10 This deal will increase *imports / trade* between Germany and the USA.

F Complete the text. Use one word from the vocabulary list on the previous page for each space. Add any other words necessary.

“ If you look at your bank ¹s _____, you can see money that you've spent and any money that's been ²c _____ your ³a _____, such as your wages. You can also see how much money you have now: your current ⁴b _____. ”

“ I work in the ⁵f _____ department of a big international company. We sell goods in more than 20 countries. Our sales ⁶f _____ are affected by the local conditions in each country, but also by changes in the ⁷g _____ economy. ”

“ Lots of families got into ⁸f _____ difficulties when the ⁹i _____ rose. They ¹⁰b _____ money from the bank to buy their homes, but as the bank started ¹¹c _____ more interest and their ¹²p _____ increased, they could no longer ¹³a _____ pay back the money they ¹⁴o _____. ”