

You and money

Aim

To give the students practice at using verbs with two objects in the context of a questionnaire about attitudes to money

Materials

One worksheet per student

Time

30 minutes

Preparation

Copy the worksheet

Procedure

1. *Write the word questionnaire on the board. Check the meaning and then ask students to suggest the kind of questionnaires you find in magazines for men/women.*
2. Tell students that they are going to do a questionnaire about their attitude to money. There are ten questions and each question has three possible answers: a), b) or c).
3. They should first read each question and if necessary check the meaning of any word(s) they don't know. Then they should choose *the answer that is nearest to how they feel. They should only choose one answer.*
4. Form groups of three and give each student a copy of the questionnaire. To complete it, they take turns to ask their partners the questions, then compare answers and give reasons for their answers. Allow seven to ten minutes for this
5. It's now time to analyse their answers. Each student should calculate *his/her score: one point for an a) answer, two for a b) answer, and three for a c) answer.* Ask them to add up their total scores.
6. Students read the text at the bottom of the questionnaire, which describes their attitude to money. Ask them to underline anything they agree with or disagree with.
7. They tell their partners what they agree/disagree with.



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Read each question and the three possible answers. Then choose the answer that is closest to what you think. Put a tick (✓) in the box next to your answer.

1 You see a beggar in the street. Would you

- a) give him / her everything in your wallet?
- b) give him / her some change?
- c) say you have no change?

2 Your friends ask you if you want to come on holiday with them, but you don't have enough money. Would you

- a) try to borrow money from friends or your bank?
- b) try to earn some extra money?
- c) tell your friends you can't afford it?

3 You receive a cheque for £1,000 as a present. Would you

- a) spend it all immediately?
- b) spend some and invest the rest?
- c) invest it all in a high-interest account?

4 You've just bought a new bicycle so you don't need your old one. Would you

- a) offer it to someone you know who needs one?
- b) try to sell it for a reasonable price?
- c) try to sell it for more than you paid for it?

5 There's an appeal on TV for money to help people in a disaster. Would you

- a) donate some money immediately?
- b) check how much you have in your bank account?
- c) donate nothing?

6 Your friend looks after your house / flat when you're on holiday. Would you

- a) buy him / her a present to say 'thank you'?
- b) send him / her a 'thank you' card?
- c) just say 'thank you'?

7 One of your best employees asks you for a pay rise. Would you

- a) offer him / her what he / she wants?
- b) offer him / her a pay rise in six months?
- c) say the company can't afford it?

8 You're in the red and your son / daughter asks you to buy him / her a new computer. Would you

- a) buy it with your credit card?
- b) tell him / her the truth and promise to buy one when you have the money?
- c) tell him / her to get a job and pay for it himself / herself?

9 You see some lovely clothes in a shop but you don't really need them. Would you

- a) buy them for yourself anyway?
- b) buy them if you can afford them?
- c) walk out of the shop?

10 Your teenage son is living at home with you. You ask him to clean up his room and wash your car. Would you

- a) pay him for both jobs?
- b) pay him for the car but not for his room?
- c) expect him to do the jobs for nothing?

1-14

You're a very generous person and spend money very easily. In fact, you find it difficult not to spend money. You should try to reduce your spending, especially if you haven't got any money in the bank. Perhaps you should consider opening a savings account.

15-25

You're usually careful with your money and don't spend money unnecessarily. However, you don't let money control your life. You can enjoy the benefits of money but find it difficult to buy something spontaneously. It's OK to splash out on yourself from time to time!

Over 25

You really love money and one of your ambitions is to have as much money as possible. If you're not careful, you'll let money control everything you do in your life. What is more important: having money or having friends?