

Unit 2

Task 1: Read the following text and answer the questions below.

Money makes you a bad person

Do you think having money and status makes you more likely to be a bad person?

Paul Piff is a post-doctoral researcher at the University of California who studies how wealth affects people's behaviour. In one of his latest talks, he revealed some interesting findings. His research indicates that the more wealth and status you have, the more self-focused and less ethical you'll be. This discovery may be scary, as we know that some of the people who make the big decisions in our world are both wealthy and have high social status. Professor Piff also found that poorer people tend to share more than rich people; they give one-and-a-half times as much as richer people.

Paul's research also deals with how important money really is for living a happy life. It is widely known that having enough money to provide for our basic needs -such as food and housing- is essential. But, if Mr. Piff's research is right and having more money leads to less compassionate and ethical behaviour, does that mean rich people live less happier lives? That reminds me of a famous quote from Abraham Lincoln: *"When I do good I feel good; when I do bad I feel bad, and that is my religion"*.

1. In which ways is rich people's behavior different from poor people according to Proffesor Piff?

2. Why may this discovery be scary for people?

3. Why is money important according to the text?

4. Explain the meaning of the sentence: *"When I do good I feel good; when I do bad I feel bad, and that is my religion"*

5. In which ways can money affect your quality of life or living standards?

[illegible]

Task 3: Agreement/Disagreement. Choose the correct response to the following statements.

1. I don't like garlic.

So don't I/Neither do I

2. I really enjoy going hiking

So do I/Me neither

3. I haven't got any brothers or sisters.

I don't/Neither have I

4. I have never been to New Zealand.

Neither have I/Me too

5. I'm going to bed soon.

So am I/ Me also

6. I can do a handstand.

So can I/So do I

7. I don't like coffee. It gives me headaches.

Me too/Neither do I

8. I didn't sleep very well last night.

Neither do I/Neither did I

9. I would love to visit Australia one day.

So would I/So do I

10. She collected her exam results yesterday.

So did we/Us too

Task 4: Match the words on the left to their definitions on the right:

1- Bankruptcy

2- Mortgage

3- Loans

4- Debt

5- The Great Depression

6- Black Tuesday

a- Major economic crisis which began in 1929 and lasted until 1939

b- The condition of not having money- this can happen to banks and businesses

c- Also known as the Great Crash or the Wall Street Crash of 1929

d- Amount of money that is owed or due

e- Something that is borrowed, usually a sum of money, which needs to be paid back, with interest

f- A legal agreement which allows a person to purchase property and pay back the money over a certain period of time

Task 5: Complete the following sentences with the correct phrasal verb from the box. Each pair of sentences uses the same phrasal verb.

cash in write off pay off add up chip in run out bail out rip off

- 1- a. The witness's testimony simply did not _____. Nobody believed him.
b. The revisions _____ to a lot of work.
- 2- a. He _____ with a dollar for the gift.
b. He _____ with a remark.
- 3- a. He was _____ by his father. Now he can set up his own business.
b. The lawyer _____ the suspect so that he can spend some time with his family before the trial
- 4- a. At £35 these socks are a complete _____.
b. We were _____ by the taxi driver.
- 5- a. He _____ business expenses when calculating taxable income.
b. The audience _____ the singer as a novelty act.
- 6- a. We've _____ of money.
b. The food has _____.
- 7- a. His hard work _____ in the end. He will become a doctor.
b. After the police investigation, they found out that some politicians had been _____.
- 8- a. The stock market isn't going very well since the economic crisis, so I've decided to _____ all my shares.
b. He is the sort of person who _____ on other people's misfortunes.