

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

Money and Materialism

Match the Money Idioms with the right definition (in pairs)

Money Idioms	Definition
cheapskate	have lots of money
chicken feed	pay the bill
flat broke	a person who will not spend much money
loaded	have no money
on a shoestring	feel wonderful
pick up the tab	spend a lot of money for something
splurge	a small amount of money
feel like a million dollars	with little money to spend, on a very low budget

Hot Topics

1. Are you a cheapskate or do you like to splurge? (in large group).
2. When have you felt like a million dollars? (in pairs).
3. In your country who picks up the tab when you go out to eat? (in large group).
4. Who are the rich people in this world? What makes them rich?
5. Look at the pictures – why are some people poor? (in pairs)
 - A) They are lazy
 - B) They are experiencing a natural disaster
 - C) Bad luck
 - D) God is punishing them
 - E) It is their destiny
 - F) The greed and sin of this world
 - G) Other...
6. There is a story in the Bible (Luke 12:13-21) that Jesus taught about riches. It is called **The story of the rich man**. You need people to read the parts of Jesus, narrator, God and the rich man.

Jesus: Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because a person's true life is not made up of the things he owns, no matter how rich he is.

Narrator: Then Jesus told them this story:

Jesus: There was once a rich man who had land, which grew good crops. He began to think to himself:

Rich man: I haven't anywhere to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do; I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store corn and other goods. Then I will say to myself, 'Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself!'

Narrator: But God said to him:

God: You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?

Narrator: And Jesus concluded:

Jesus: This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight.

7. From the story, what does the 'true life' mean? (In threes).
8. How can we be 'rich in God's sight'? (large group).

Vocabulary

Guard: be ready to deal with something difficult.

Wealth: when someone has a lot of money.

Crops: plants grown in large numbers like wheat or oats.

Goods: things he owns, like wheat or oats.

Barns: large shed to store things in.

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