Worksheet 1 – Money Quiz

Read the questions out to your students and get them to write or call out the answers.

What is the name of money you borrow from the bank? Credit / loan
What is the currency of Great Britain? Sterling / pound / (‘quid’ is also used in the UK colloquially)
What is the currency of Italy? Euro
What are, the DOW Jones, the Borsa, Wall Street and the FTSE? Stock Exchange
What is the name of the automatic machine from which you take cash? ATM / Cash Machine / Cashpoint / Hole in the wall
What is an adjective for a person with lots of money? Rich / loaded / wealthy (if your students give the answer ‘teacher’ it may simply be enough to remind them it is a noun, be sure to smile ironically)
Is counterfeit money legal? No
What is the currency of Japan? Yen
What is the name for the most senior person in a bank (in England)? Bank Manager
What is the name of the money you borrow to buy a house? Mortgage
How many pence are there in the pound? 100
Name three ways of paying for something. Cash / credit card / cheque / by installments / part exchange / direct debit / standing order (other answers can be acceptable)
Name four verbs for things you can do with money. Spend / lose / waste / save / make / invest / forge / invest / donate / pay (other answers can be acceptable)
What does the word debt mean? Money you have borrowed and must pay back
What was the currency of France before the Euro? Franc
What is the word for the money you receive in your job, usually once a month. Salary
What do you do if you haggle, or barter? Try to get the price down
Which department of a government deals with money? Treasury (may be known differently in different countries)
Worksheet 2 – Vocabulary Sentences

In pairs or threes, discuss what you think is the meaning of the words in bold:

Many people over the years have tried to buy the Mask of Tutankhamen from the Egyptian Museum, but unsurprisingly the authorities here believe it is priceless so they won’t sell it

Ebenezer Scrooge was such a stingy man, so much so that in English, we sometimes use the word Scrooge to describe people with this characteristic

He spent a lot of money on what he thought was a Rolex watch, but when he had it valued it turned out to be worthless.

I sometimes disagree with taxi drivers over the fare, so I haggle, or barter, which sometimes gets the price down

Big companies like Pepsi make a killing. They should put their prices down

I sometimes like to splash out on new clothes, but not very often

When I was a student I didn’t have enough money to live on so I took out an overdraft at the bank. I paid it all off in the end

The men were sent to prison for forgery, that is, making counterfeit money

And what do these idioms mean?

I like my job but the salary is low, in fact, it’s chicken feed

I’d buy it but it costs an arm and a leg
Worksheet 3 - Quotations

If all the rich people in the world divided up their money among themselves, there wouldn't be enough to go around.

Christina Stead (1903 - 1983), House of All Nations (1938) "Credo"

Save a little money each month and at the end of the year you'll be surprised at how little you have.

Ernest Haskins

Money frees you from doing things you dislike. Since I dislike doing nearly everything, money is useful.

Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)

A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.

Jonathan Swift (1667 - 1745)

Lack of money is no problem. Lack of an idea is an problem.

Ken Hakuta

Money can't buy happiness, but neither can poverty.

Leo Rosten (1908 -)
Worksheet 4 – Money Role-plays

Darren Cash

You are a computer whiz kid who has made a billion from the internet. You think that money is the answer to everything, love, free time, even bereavement.

So really, you don’t understand these people who say that money can’t buy you happiness. You’re happy, at least you think so, and you don’t care what anybody else thinks.

Now think of some things you can say to support your case:

Hilda Kitchen

You are an old woman who lost everything when you won a million pounds on the National Lottery. Your husband ran away with a younger woman, and your son was killed when he lost control of his sports car. You lost most of your friends because they were jealous of your new lifestyle.

In the end, all you had left was your money, and you hated every last penny as a result. You gave it all to charity, but it was too late.

Now think of some things you can say to support your case:

Jane Bingo-on-Saturdays

You live for the dream! The dream of making it big and living the high life! You don’t care about eating healthy food, studying, reading or even having a family, you just want a mansion and a butler.

Sure, you have friends but it’s all so superficial. None of them are real friends, they just play the lottery like you, play bingo like you and spend every moment thinking about when you will be RICH!

You see, nothing else matters, to you!

Now think of some things you can say to support your case:
Simon Stressbag

You work for the British National Lottery provider as an advisor. Your job is to prepare lottery winners for the changes that may happen in their lives when they receive their BIG prizes. We’re not talking twenty pounds here, but twenty million English pounds!

You have seen many people come to you as happy and normal people, but come back two years later with problems that money won’t solve. Maybe money was the cause.

So you never want to be rich, just comfortable.

Now think of some things you can say to support your case:
Worksheet 5 – Bank Manager Debate

You are an entrepreneur who wants to start a new language school in the city. You are convinced that this will be a money making venture, so much so that you have already started advertising for teachers.

But there is one small problem, money. You need more capital, and there is only one way to get it. You need to borrow it from the bank.

But will the bank manager be convinced by your business plan?

Here is your case. You must present this to the bank, and do your best to persuade them.

Decide what your business plan is, and what your business ambitions are:

You think that there are many people who want to study English
You think that costs can be kept low

Now prepare your case in a small group. Remember, you must convince the bank.

You are a bank manager and you are responsible for lending money to new businesses. But you don’t just lend to anybody. You expect a good business plan and you are very strict about who is entitled to a loan.

Today, a customer has come to see you asking for a loan to start a new language school. Listen to their case, but ask lots of questions, you are dealing with a lot of money here.

You think that there is too much competition already and it will be difficult for a new school to survive
You don’t think many people locally are interested in learning languages
You think that it will be difficult to recruit teachers

Now prepare your case in a small group. You think that this business has a chance, but you want to be 100% certain, to be sure to have some strong questions.