Money Verbs and Vocabulary

Teacher's Notes



Level: Intermediate

Description: Whether it makes your world go round or not, money plays a part in *all* of our lives. And though deeming the love of money the root of all evil may seem a bit extreme, getting to grips with the confusing vocabulary associated with it can be a nightmare for your average English learner. The written and communicative activities in this resource allow students to practise some of the most pertinent yet perplexing Money Verbs and vocab in a varied, practical, and personalised way.

Aim: To practise Money Verbs and Vocabulary through a variety of written and communicative activities.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by reading the sentences and circling the correct Money Verb.

answer key:

1. invest 2. borrow 3.donate 4. charge 5. afford 6. inherit 7. pay 8. spend 9. save up 10. lend

Exercise B: Next, students match the Money Verbs from the previous exercise with the correct definitions.

answer key:

1. donate 2. pay 3. invest 4. afford 5. lend 6. save up 7. borrow 8. inherit 9. charge 10. spend

Exercise C: Students then complete the sentences using the correct prepositions.

answer key:

1. for 2. from, to 3. from, on 4. in, to 5. for, in, by

Exercise D: After this, students complete the sentences using one of the Money Verbs from the previous page (in the correct tense) plus one of the nouns provided.

answer key:

borrowed, rent
inherited, debts
donate, charity
lend, loan
pay, fine
saving up,

donate, charity
spend, fares
afford, tip
saving up, account
invest, shares
bill, charged

Exercise E: Students then complete the questions using the Money Verbs from the previous exercises in the correct form.

answer key:

Student A

1. inherited 2. donated 3. afford 4. spend 5. lent

Student B

1. borrowed 2. invested 3. pay 4. charge 5. saving up

Once they've completed the questions, students pair-up with a classmate and ask them to each other, one of them asking the 'Student A' questions, the other asking the 'Student B' questions.