

Money

Word Forms:

- money (n) We need money to buy things.
- make money (v) John makes a lot of money.
- How much money do you make?

Related Words:

- cash (n) This store only accepts cash as payment.
- credit card (n) This store does not accept credit cards.
- capital (n) It requires a lot of capital to start your own business.
- salary (n) John has a high salary at his job.
- wealth (n) John has a lot of wealth.
- wealthy (adj) John is a very wealthy man.
- rich (adj) John is a very rich man.
- earn (v) John earns a lot at his job.
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- poverty (n) The Smith family lives in poverty.
- poor (adj) The Smith family is very poor.

Exercises:

1. Mary is a very _____ woman.
2. In the U.S., the _____ of most doctors is higher than the _____ of most teachers.
3. Although Jennifer _____ less money at her new job, she enjoys it more than her old job.

Questions:

1. What are some reasons that people like to make lots of money?
2. Does more money always bring more happiness?
3. When you choose a job, how important to you is the salary amount? Why?

Bible Readings:

1. "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." (1 Timothy 6:10, NIV)
2. "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26, NIV)
3. "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1, NIV)
4. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from God." (James 1:17, NIV)

Questions:

1. When can money be a bad thing? (reading 1)
2. Why shouldn't we worry a lot about how much money we have? (reading 2)
3. Why do most Christians give some of their money to the church they attend? (readings 3 and 4)

4. Reading 4 says that every good gift comes from God. What do you think is God's best gift to us?