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# Level 2 Money makes you a bad person

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### THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150320-wealth-2.html

A researcher says having a lot of money makes you bad. Professor Paul Piff spent ten years looking at the personalities of rich people. He found their behaviour was very different to poor people's behaviour. Dr Piff said rich people break rules, do not follow the law, and do not care about others. He also said wealthy people cheat more at games and are less likely to help others. Professor Piff told the BBC that wealth makes you think more about your own interests, desires and welfare. They think their own goals and needs are the most important things in life.

The professor also said poorer people are more generous than rich people. They give a higher percentage of their money to help others, usually one-and-a-half times as much as richer people. He said that the wealthier people are, the less generous they are. However, he also said rich people could change and become nicer and more generous. He said rich people can help others more if they know that giving and helping is a good thing. The professor said when rich people know the benefits of giving to others, they can be just as giving as poor people.

Sources: http://thenewdaily.com.au/money/2015/03/17/money-makes-mean/ http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-31761576 http://www.mirror.co.uk/money/could-money-make-you-mean-5350109

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	having a lot of money makes	a.	different
2	the personalities	b.	law
3.	their behaviour was very	с.	rules
4.	rich people break	d.	about others
5.	follow the	e.	you bad
6.	care	f.	and welfare
7.	wealthy people cheat	g.	of rich people
8.	your own interests, desires	h.	more at games

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	poorer people are more	a.	half times as much
2	a higher percentage	b.	others more
3.	one-and-a-	с.	generous they are
4.	the wealthier people are, the less	d.	good thing
5.	rich people could change and	e.	generous
6.	help	f.	giving to others
7.	helping is a	g.	of their money
8.	the benefits of	h.	become nicer

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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bad. Professor Paul Piff (2)	looking at the				
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that wealth makes you think more (5)					
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are the most important (6)					
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and become nicer (10)	He said rich people				
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(11) of giving to o	thers, they can be just as				
giving (12)					

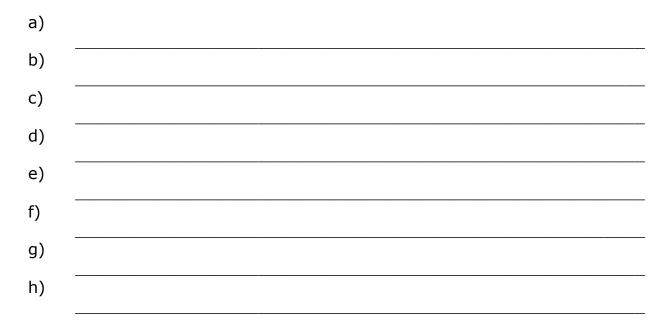
# PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



### WRITING

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Write about **money** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.