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## Level 3

# Money can buy happiness

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

A song from the famous English pop group the Beatles told us that money can't buy us love. Many people also believe that money cannot buy happiness. In fact, there is an expression that says 'money is the root of all evil'. However, a new study from Cambridge University suggests that money can buy you happiness. Researchers conducted a study on the spending habits of customers in a bank. They compared what the bank customers bought with their personality. The research team compared the personalities of 625 people with a list of how they spent their money. The conclusion of the study was that what people buy can lead to happiness, but only if they buy the right things.

One of the researchers believes the study may change the way people think about money and happiness. He said it showed, "that spending can increase our happiness when it is spent on goods and services that fit our personalities". He said Internet companies could use information about people's happiness to recommend products and services that make people happier. Another researcher said spending money could be more important in our lives than we thought. She said: "Spending money on products that help us express who we are as individuals could turn out to be as important to our well-being as finding the right job, the right neighbourhood or even the right friends and partners."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. MONEY AND HAPPINESS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about money and happiness. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*song / money / love / happiness / researchers / spending habits / conclusion / personalities / Internet / information / products / services / important / well-being*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. HAPPINESS:** How can these things make you happy? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How do these things make you happy?
Internet	
Food	
Studying	
Money	
Job	
Travel	

**4. MONEY:** Students A **strongly** believe money is the key to happiness; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. THINGS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that make you happiest at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- chocolate
- mobile phone
- nature
- English
- working
- marriage
- travel
- sleep

**6. SPENDING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "spending". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. This news is about a song sung by the group the Beatles.            | T / F |
| b. A study into happiness and money was done by Cambridge University.  | T / F |
| c. Researchers said money made 625 people unhappy.                     | T / F |
| d. Researchers said buying the right things can make people happy.     | T / F |
| e. A researcher said the study would not change our ideas about money. | T / F |
| f. The researchers said the study would help Internet companies.       | T / F |
| g. A researcher said spending money was not very important.            | T / F |
| h. A researcher said spending money was as important as finding a job. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. famous      | a. thinks      |
| 2. expression  | b. report      |
| 3. study       | c. suggest     |
| 4. conducted   | d. well known  |
| 5. lead to     | e. show        |
| 6. believes    | f. result in   |
| 7. fit         | g. saying      |
| 8. recommend   | h. happiness   |
| 9. express     | i. carried out |
| 10. well-being | j. match       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A song from the famous English pop | a. are as individuals |
| 2. money is the root                  | b. right things       |
| 3. spending                           | c. job                |
| 4. how they spent                     | d. think about money  |
| 5. if they buy the                    | e. of all evil        |
| 6. change the way people              | f. and services       |
| 7. goods                              | g. group the Beatles  |
| 8. help us express who we             | h. well-being         |
| 9. important to our                   | i. their money        |
| 10. finding the right                 | j. habits             |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

A song from the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ English pop group the Beatles told us that money can't buy us love. Many people also believe that money cannot buy (2) \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, there is an expression that says 'money is the root of all (3) \_\_\_\_\_. However, a new study from Cambridge University (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that money can buy you happiness. Researchers conducted a study on the spending (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of customers in a bank. They (6) \_\_\_\_\_ what the bank customers bought with their personality. The research team compared the personalities of 625 people with a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of how they spent their money. The conclusion of the study was that what people buy can lead to happiness, but only if they buy the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ things.

*evil*  
*habits*  
*list*  
*famous*  
*right*  
*happiness*  
*compared*  
*suggests*

One of the researchers believes the study may change the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ people think about money and happiness. He said it showed, "that spending can increase our happiness when it is spent on (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and services that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ our personalities". He said Internet companies could use information about people's happiness to recommend products and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that make people happier. Another researcher said spending money could be more important in our (13) \_\_\_\_\_ than we thought. She said: "Spending money on products that help us (14) \_\_\_\_\_ who we are as individuals could turn out to be as important to our well-(15) \_\_\_\_\_ as finding the right job, the right neighbourhood or even the right friends and (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*goods*  
*lives*  
*partners*  
*way*  
*services*  
*being*  
*fit*  
*express*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

- 1) the famous English pop group the Beatles told us that money \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can't buy we love
  - b. can't buy them love
  - c. can't buy us love
  - d. can't buy ours love
- 2) In fact, there is an expression that says 'money is the \_\_\_\_\_'
  - a. root off all evil
  - b. root of fall evil
  - c. root of all evil
  - d. root off fall evil
- 3) a new study from Cambridge University suggests that money can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. buy through happiness
  - b. buy you happiness
  - c. buy your happiness
  - d. buy ewe happiness
- 4) Researchers conducted a study on the spending habits of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. customers on a bank
  - b. customers inner bank
  - c. customers in the bank
  - d. customers in a bank
- 5) the personalities of 625 people with a list of how they \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. spent that money
  - b. spent they're money
  - c. spent there money
  - d. spent their money
- 6) when it is spent on goods and services that fit \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our personalities
  - b. hour personalities
  - c. awe personalities
  - d. ours personalities
- 7) Internet companies could use information about people's happiness to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. recommend products
  - b. recommend produce
  - c. recommend projects
  - d. recommend protects
- 8) Spending money on products that help us express who we \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are has individuals
  - b. are sas individuals
  - c. are is individuals
  - d. are as individuals
- 9) turn out to be as important to our well-being as finding \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the write job
  - b. the right job
  - c. a right job
  - d. a write job
- 10) the right neighbourhood or even the right \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. friend and partners
  - b. friends and partners
  - c. friends and partner
  - d. friend and partner

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

1. Which English pop group was mentioned in the article?

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2. What did an expression in the article say was the root of all evil?

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3. What kind of customers took part in the survey?

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4. How many people did the researchers compare the personalities of?

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5. What kind of things that we can buy can lead to happiness?

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6. What does a researcher think the study will change about money?

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7. What must goods and services fit to make us happy?

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8. What kind of companies could use the information in the study?

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9. What did a researcher say could be more important than we thought?

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10. What did a researcher say spending money was important to?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

1. Which English pop group was mentioned in the article?
  - a) One Direction
  - b) the Rolling Stones
  - c) the Beatles
  - d) the Spice Girls
2. What did an expression in the article say was the root of all evil?
  - a) money
  - b) greed
  - c) jealousy
  - d) spending
3. What kind of customers took part in the survey?
  - a) Internet customers
  - b) bank customers
  - c) Amazon customers
  - d) shopping customers
4. How many people did the researchers compare the personalities of?
  - a) 526
  - b) 562
  - c) 652
  - d) 625
5. What kind of things that we can buy can lead to happiness?
  - a) sweets
  - b) jewellery
  - c) the right things
  - d) hobby goods
6. What does a researcher think the study will change about money?
  - a) how poor we are
  - b) the way we think
  - c) our wealth
  - d) exchange rates
7. What must goods and services fit to make us happy?
  - a) our wallet
  - b) shopping bags
  - c) our body
  - d) our personalities
8. What kind of companies could use the information in the study?
  - a) personality companies
  - b) Internet companies
  - c) banks
  - d) service companies
9. What did a researcher say could be more important than we thought?
  - a) saving money
  - b) spending money
  - c) the Internet
  - d) personality
10. What did a researcher say spending money was important to?
  - a) our well-being
  - b) the economy
  - c) the Internet
  - d) banks

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

## **Role A – Chocolate**

You think chocolate is the thing that can make us happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these at making you happy (and why): nature, English or sleep.

## **Role B – Nature**

You think nature is the thing that can make us happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these at making you happy (and why): chocolate, English or sleep.

## **Role C – English**

You think English is the thing that can make us happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these at making you happy (and why): nature, chocolate or sleep.

## **Role D – Sleep**

You think sleep is the thing that can make us happiest. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these at making you happy (and why): nature, English or chocolate.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'money' and 'happiness'.

<b>money</b>	<b>happiness</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• song</li><li>• root</li><li>• habits</li><li>• bought</li><li>• list</li><li>• only</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• change</li><li>• fit</li><li>• use</li><li>• happier</li><li>• lives</li><li>• being</li></ul>
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# MONEY AND HAPPINESS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

Write five GOOD questions about money and happiness in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# MONEY AND HAPPINESS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'money'?
- 3) What is the relationship between money and happiness?
- 4) Why did the Beatles sing, 'Can't Buy Me Love'?
- 5) Is money really the root of all evil?
- 6) How does money affect your happiness?
- 7) What things make you happiest?
- 8) How does shopping make you happy?
- 9) What things that you buy make you happy and unhappy?
- 10) Can poor people be happy?

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# MONEY AND HAPPINESS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Can money buy happiness?
- 13) What is your personality like?
- 14) Does Internet shopping make you happy?
- 15) What does 'retail therapy' mean?
- 16) Does spending or saving money make people happiest?
- 17) Does spending money make us happier than finding a job?
- 18) Do you agree with the expression, 'money makes the world go round'?
- 19) Is it better to find the right job or the right neighbourhood?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the researchers?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |               |                |                |
|-----|-------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) popular | (b) pop       | (c) poppy      | (d) popularity |
| 2.  | (a) true    | (b) fact      | (c) truly      | (d) factual    |
| 3.  | (a) boot    | (b) loot      | (c) foot       | (d) root       |
| 4.  | (a) in      | (b) on        | (c) at         | (d) by         |
| 5.  | (a) what    | (b) how       | (c) which      | (d) who        |
| 6.  | (a) nice    | (b) wrong     | (c) right      | (d) big        |
| 7.  | (a) why     | (b) how       | (c) way        | (d) which      |
| 8.  | (a) bads    | (b) betters   | (c) services   | (d) produce    |
| 9.  | (a) suspend | (b) marketing | (c) permission | (d) recommend  |
| 10. | (a) thought | (b) thinker   | (c) thinking   | (d) thinks     |
| 11. | (a) express | (b) service   | (c) lighten    | (d) measure    |
| 12. | (a) ever    | (b) eventual  | (c) even       | (d) eventually |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the smouaf English pop group the Beatles
2. there is an xreipneoss
3. money is the root of all lvei
4. the spending ahbits of customers
5. with their ypilnsortea
6. The oloinncucs of the study

## Paragraph 2

7. One of the srahsrrecee
8. spending can niaserce our happiness
9. rmdmceeon products and services
10. who we are as aiivilnddus
11. the right ndugbhooihroe (UK) / ongiheorhbdo (USA)
12. the right friends and tnparse



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) products and services that make people happier. Another researcher said spending money could be more
- ( ) we are as individuals could turn out to be as important to our well-being as finding
- ( ) One of the researchers believes the study may change the way people think about money and happiness. He said it
- ( ) the right job, the right neighbourhood or even the right friends and partners."
- ( ) that money cannot buy happiness. In fact, there is an expression that says 'money is the root of all
- ( ) evil'. However, a new study from Cambridge University suggests that money can buy you happiness. Researchers
- ( ) customers bought with their personality. The research team compared the personalities of 625 people with a list of how
- ( ) personalities". He said Internet companies could use information about people's happiness to recommend
- ( ) important in our lives than we thought. She said: "Spending money on products that help us express who
- ( ) to happiness, but only if they buy the right things.
- ( ) conducted a study on the spending habits of customers in a bank. They compared what the bank
- ( **1** ) A song from the famous English pop group the Beatles told us that money can't buy us love. Many people also believe
- ( ) they spent their money. The conclusion of the study was that what people buy can lead
- ( ) showed, "that spending can increase our happiness when it is spent on goods and services that fit our

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

1. cannot also buy believe happiness that money People .

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2. evil' all of root the is 'money says that expression An .

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3. conducted spending a habits study on Researchers the .

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4. team personalities people research the 625 The compared of .

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5. lead can buy people What happiness to .

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6. money . The study may change the way people think about

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7. use could Companies happiness people's about information .

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8. lives our in important more be could Money thought we than .

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9. products that help us express who we Spending money on .

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10. to the our As right as well-being important job finding .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

A song from the *famous / famously* English pop group the Beatles told us that money can't buy us *lovely / love*. Many people *addition / also* believe that money cannot buy happiness. In *fact / facts*, there is an expression that says 'money is the root of all evil'. However, a new study from Cambridge University *suggests / suggesting* that money can buy you happiness. Researchers conducted a study *on / in* the spending habits of customers in a bank. They compared *that / what* the bank customers bought with their personality. The research team *comparison / compared* the personalities of 625 people with a list of how they spent *their / them* money. The conclusion of the study was that what people buy can *lead / leads* to happiness, but only if they buy the right things.

One *of / for* the researchers believes the study may change the *weigh / way* people think about money and happiness. He said it *showing / showed*, "that spending can increase our happiness when it is spent *on / in* goods and services that *fitting / fit* our personalities". He said Internet companies could use information about people's happiness to recommend *products / produce* and services that make people happier. Another researcher said spending money could be *more / much* important in our lives than we thought. She said: "Spending money on products that help us *express / expression* who we are as individuals could turn *in / out* to be as important to our well-being as finding the right job, the right neighbourhood or *even / ever* the right friends and partners."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

\_ s\_ng fr\_m th\_ f\_m\_\_s \_ngl\_sh p\_p gr\_\_p th\_ B\_\_tl\_s  
t\_ld \_s th\_t m\_n\_y c\_n't b\_y \_s l\_v\_. M\_ny p\_\_pl\_ \_ls\_  
b\_l\_\_v\_ th\_t m\_n\_y c\_nn\_t b\_y h\_pp\_n\_ss. \_n f\_ct,  
th\_r\_ \_s \_n \_xpr\_ss\_\_n th\_t s\_ys 'm\_n\_y \_s th\_r\_\_t\_f  
\_ll \_v\_l'. H\_w\_v\_r, \_ n\_w st\_dy fr\_m C\_mbr\_dg\_  
\_n\_v\_rs\_ty s\_gg\_sts th\_t m\_n\_y c\_n b\_y y\_\_  
h\_pp\_n\_ss. R\_s\_\_rch\_rs c\_nd\_ct\_d \_ st\_dy \_n th\_  
sp\_nd\_ng h\_b\_ts \_f c\_st\_m\_rs \_n \_ b\_nk. Th\_y  
c\_mp\_r\_d wh\_t th\_ b\_nk c\_st\_m\_rs b\_\_ght w\_th th\_\_r  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1604/160411-money-happiness.html>

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one of the researchers believes the study may change the way people think about money and happiness he said it showed "that spending can increase our happiness when it is spent on goods and services that fit our personalities" he said internet companies could use information about people's happiness to recommend products and services that make people happier another researcher said spending money could be more important in our lives than we thought she said "spending money on products that help us express who we are as individuals could turn out to be as important to our well-being as finding the right job the right neighbourhood or even the right friends and partners"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about money and happiness. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MONEY AND HAPPINESS:** Make a poster about money and happiness. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MOST IMPORTANT:** Write a magazine article about money being the most important thing in life. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe this and with people who don't.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on money and happiness. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to be happier. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d T    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. famous      | a. well known  |
| 2. expression  | b. saying      |
| 3. study       | c. report      |
| 4. conducted   | d. carried out |
| 5. lead to     | e. result in   |
| 6. believes    | f. thinks      |
| 7. fit         | g. match       |
| 8. recommend   | h. suggest     |
| 9. express     | i. show        |
| 10. well-being | j. happiness   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Beatles
2. Money
3. Bank customers
4. 625
5. The right things
6. The way we think
7. Our personalities
8. Internet companies
9. Spending money
10. Our well-being

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. b    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)