

Money

Please remember that some questions about money may be considered too personal to ask anyone who is not a very close friend or a family member.

- We are often told that "you can't buy happiness". If you were richer, do you think you would be happier? Why/why not?
- If you had no money at all, do you think you could be happy?
- Can you think of any examples of people who are rich and miserable?
- Can you think of any examples of people that are poor and happy?
- Which do you think are generally happier - rich people or poor people?
- Do you think money can have a negative effect on people? In what way?
- Are you good at saving money?
- How would you prefer to be paid - in cash or have the money transferred to your bank account?
- Do you ever play the lottery? How much money would you need to win so that you could give up working?
- If you were to win so much money, would you give up working? What would you spend your time doing?
- What do you think is the quickest legal way of making a lot of money?
- If you were to find a small amount of money in the street or some other public place, what would you do?
- If you were to find a large amount of money in the street, what would you do?
- Have you ever found any money in the street? What did you do?
- Do you prefer to use cash or credit/debit cards?
- Do you like to carry cash around on you?
- Do you know how much loose change you have on you right now?
- If you won the lottery, would you give any lottery winnings to charity?
- Do you regularly give money to charities?
- Do you generally give tips? Who receives tips in your country? What is the customary amount?
- Do you give money to homeless people? Do you think that homeless people should be allowed to ask for money on the street? Why/why not?
- Have you ever been robbed or had money stolen from you in some way? What happened?
- What is your opinion of investing in the stock market?
- Do you ever use "one-armed bandits" (slot machines)?
- Do you ever gamble in any way? How?
- About how much do you usually spend each day?
- Are you a price conscious shopper?
- Are you good at saving money?
- Are you saving money to buy something?
 - If so, what are you planning to buy?
 - How much will it cost?
 - How much longer will you need to save before you can buy it?
- About how much did you spend on presents last year?
- Do banks pay a higher percent of interest here or in your country?
- Do you compare prices at different stores when you shop?
- Do you enjoy shopping?
- Do you ever buy second-hand things? ("used things")
- Do you ever give money to charity?
 - How often do you give to charity?
 - How much do you give?
- Do you gamble? Would you ban gambling?
- How much tips do you give at a restaurant in your country? How about to taxi drivers?
- Do you haggle (*smlowat*) when you shop?
- Do you have a credit card? If so, do you have more than one?
- Do you have more than one bank account?
- Do you have to pay a sales tax in your country?
- Do you invest in the stock market?
- Do you often put money in the bank?
- Do you sometimes buy things that you don't need? If so, give some examples.

- Do you sometimes give money to charities?
- Do you think that money can buy love?
- Do/Did your parents give you pocket money? How much? What do/did you use it for?
- Is it good to give children pocket money? What is the proper amount in your opinion?
- Have you ever been in debt?
- Have you ever owed money to people?
- Have you ever bought a lottery ticket?
- Have you ever found any money? If so, what did you do with it?
- Have you ever given money to a homeless person?
- Have you ever had any money stolen from you?
- How important is money to you? If you had no money, do you think you could be happy?
- How much did you spend last week?
 - Do you often spend that amount in one week?
- How much do you have to spend to eat a good meal at a restaurant in your country?
- How much do you spend on food each month?
- How much do you think it costs to stay at a hotel in London?
- How much do you usually spend each month on entertainment/food/transportation?
- How much does it cost to get a haircut in your country?
- How much does it cost to ride a bus in your country?
- How much is a liter of gasoline in your country?
- How much money did you make on your first job?
- How much money did your parents give you for an allowance when you were ten years old?
- How much money do you have on you now? (Maybe not a polite question to ask.)
- How much money do you have with you now? (Maybe not a good question to ask.)
- If someone gave you a lot of money, what would you do with it?
 - If someone gave you a million dollars, what would you do with it?
- Some people say that "money makes the world go around." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- Is there anything you would really want to buy, but you can't afford it?
- What do you spend the most money on each month?
- Have you ever had any money stolen from you? What happened?
- Would you give some money to charity?
- Would you help your family/friends?
- Can a person be rich without having a lot of money or possessions? How?
- Do you think that it is right for someone to beg for money?
- When you buy something, what things are most important to you: price, quality, fashion trends, status, or image?
- If you had to save money, what could you do without? "I would stop spending money on ____".
- Why are poorer people in many cases more generous than rich people?
- Do you think taxes in your country are too high/low? What are some of the different kinds of taxes your country has?
- If you were the leader of your country, what would you do to change the taxation system? What would you do to help your country's economy?
- Do you consider consumerism good or bad?
- What is something that you have bought recently that was a good bargain?
- What is something that you want to buy, but think you never will.
- What is the average salary in your country?
- What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought?
 - How much did it cost?
- What is your opinion of discount stores?
- What kind of things do you often shop for?
- What kinds of things are you saving your money for?
- What store did you like best and what store did you like least?
- What was the last thing you bought for someone else?
- What was the last thing you bought for yourself?
 - Why did you buy it?
- What's your favorite shopping area or store?