

Listening: A Radio Interview

A | Listening for Main Ideas. Listen to a radio interview about money and happiness. Then choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What does a recent study by psychologist Elizabeth Dunn show?
 - a. Spending money brings us more happiness than saving money.
 - b. Spending money on others brings us more happiness than spending it on ourselves.
 - c. Possessions bring us more happiness than experiences.
2. What caused Dunn to research the relationship between money and happiness?
 - a. She had more money and wanted to know how to use it.
 - b. She lost her job as a professor and needed to live on less money.
 - c. Her university asked her to study student happiness levels.
3. What common error do people make when they try to buy happiness with money?
 - a. They are afraid to buy the things that will really make them happy.
 - b. They think major purchases such as houses will make them happy.
 - c. They use scientific research instead of their own feelings when spending money.
4. In their study, what question did Leaf Van Boven and Tom Gilovich want to answer?
 - a. Does having money in the bank make people happier than spending it?
 - b. Does spending money on things help people think of themselves differently?
 - c. Does money spent on experiences make people happier than money spent on items?
5. What did Angus Deaton and Daniel Kahneman's study reveal?
 - a. Making more than a certain amount of money causes unhappiness.
 - b. Making more than a certain amount of money doesn't affect happiness much.
 - c. Making more than a certain amount of money causes greater happiness.

B | Note-Taking. Listen again and complete the outline with information from the radio interview.
(See page 206 of the Independent Student Handbook for more information on note-taking.)

Happiness Studies

I. Elizabeth Dunn

- A. Research question: Do people get more happiness from spending money on themselves or _____?
- B. Experiment:
 1. Gave people _____
 2. Asked some people to spend it _____, others _____
 3. At end of day, _____
- C. Result: _____

II. Leaf van Boven & Tom Gilovich

- A. Research question: What is the value of spending money on _____ versus _____?
- B. Experiment: _____
- C. Result: _____

III. Angus Deaton & Daniel Kahneman

- A. Research question: Does more money = _____?
- B. Experiment: _____
- C. Result: _____