a Read the newspaper article once. How much did winning the lottery change Tony Bryan's life?

Life-changing, or is it...?

You win the lottery. Do you buy a 10-bedroomed mansion, a gold-plated yacht and a Picasso? Or do you just live a bit more comfortably?

In January 2006, Tony Bryan was working in a factory that produces the flavourings they put on fried chicken. He got a message telling him to call his wife, Rachel, urgently. He called his wife, but the line was engaged. Expecting the worst, he jumped into his car and raced home. His seven-year-old daughter opened the door with a smile and said, 'We've won the lottery, Daddy.' He found Rachel in the living room holding a lottery ticket worth £2.6m. Their lives had changed for ever.

Today, he and his family live in a nice house with a lot of land. They have two goats, and ducks and chickens. It seems that they have adapted brilliantly. They are enjoying their money, but they have not stopped working. They run a caravan park in the field next to the house, and they sell their own vegetables. They haven't exactly been relaxing.

'All your life you get up and go to work to earn money to buy a car, or a holiday, or a better house,' says Tony. 'If you take that away, what is the point of getting up? So you quit your job, you start to get up late, you watch morning TV, then you go shopping, then wait for school pick-up time. After a couple of weeks, you begin to wonder what the point of it is. We had six months going on nice holidays, but then we had to sit down and decide what to do in the long-term.'

So they didn't buy an Aston Martin or even a Mercedes. 'I couldn't justify spending £30,000 on a car,' he says. 'It's a ridiculous amount, no matter how much money you have.' They are very careful with their money. 'You don't stop worrying when you win the lottery. You just worry about different things. I felt guilty that we had lots of money. We were just lucky...'

As I leave, the telephone rings. 'It's £8 per night for a caravan...' says their daughter. I set off home, past their vegetable stall at the end of the drive. Tomatoes are 50p a kilo. A cucumber is 50p.

Adapted from The Sunday Times

b Read the article again. Mark the sentences **T** (true), **F** (false), or **DS** (doesn't say).

1 Tony was very worried when he got his wife's message.
2 Tony continued working in a factory for a few months after the lottery win.
3 He and his family now live in the city.
4 They lived very differently for the first six months after the lottery win.
5 Tony thinks that if you don't work, it's hard to know what to do with your life.
6 Their daughter now goes to a private school.

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CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THESE PEOPLE?

VIDEO

1 54 **In the street** Watch or listen to five people and answer the questions.


Emma


Andrew


Ben


Zenobia


Simone

1 Emma says she _____.
   a has liked ice cream since she was a little girl
   b often feels ill after eating chocolate ice cream
   c prefers ice cream to chocolate

2 Andrew likes Asian restaurants because _____.
   a he doesn't like cooking
   b it's cheaper than eating at home
   c he can't cook that type of food at home

3 Ben and his brother went _____ together.
   a running b to university c on holiday

4 Zenobia buys a bag _____.
   a if it's cheaper than usual b every three months
   c if she needs a new one

5 Simone took part in a charity bike ride _____.
   a when she was nine b for a television programme
   c around a track

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