

PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

- 1 Work in pairs and discuss.
 - 1 How important is money to you?
 - 2 Are you good with money?
- 2 Read the quiz below and choose the best answer for you, A, B or C.

Are you good with money?

- 1 You receive an unexpected **bonus** from work. What do you do?
 - A Spend it all – you weren't expecting it, so you don't need to save it. You deserve a **treat**!
 - B Save it all – it will really boost your savings account and you never know **when** you might need a bit of extra cash.
 - C **Splash out** on a couple of things, then save the rest. You'd feel bad if you spent it all.
- 2 You're out window-shopping and you see something you really want. What do you do?
 - A Buy it there and then – that's what credit cards are for!
 - B Leave it – you **have enough** possessions anyway.
 - C **Splash out** on a couple of things, then save the rest. You'd feel bad if you spent it all.
- 2 You're out window-shopping and you see something you really want. What do you do?
 - A Buy it there and then – that's what credit cards are for!
 - B Leave it – you have enough possessions anyway.
 - C Decide to wait until payday – it'll still be there in a few weeks.
- 3 What do you do with your **spare change**?
 - A Leave it lying around wherever you empty your pockets – in the car, at work, all over **the house** – and forget about it.
 - B Put it in your **piggy bank** and pay it into your bank account every few months.
 - C Put it in the charity collection box at the supermarket.
- 4 You have a credit card which you regularly use. What do you do?
 - A Pay the minimum payment each month – you'll pay it off next year.
 - B Pay everything off each month – you **hate** being in debt.
 - C Pay everything off most months, but **occasionally** you spend too much to be able to pay it all off.



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Did you choose mostly A, B or C?

What do you think this says about you?

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Read the results of the quiz. Match 1–3 with a)–c)

1 Mostly As **2** Mostly Bs **3** Mostly Cs

- a) You have a pretty good attitude towards money – you're saving for the future but you're happy to spend some of your money on yourself and others. Keep up the good work!
- b) You're terrible with money, you spend every penny you have and don't save anything! You need to stop spending and open a savings account soon, or at least buy a piggy bank!
- c) You're great with your money! You don't spend more than you have and you make sure that you save everything you can for a rainy day. But make sure you treat yourself every now and then – you don't want to become a miser!

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Do you agree with your results?

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Match the words and phrases in bold in the quiz with their meanings 1–6.

- 1** money added to your salary, usually a reward for good work
- 2** sometimes, but not often
- 3** money in coins that you don't need
- 4** something special that you know you'll enjoy
- 5** a container (usually in the shape of a pig) where you save coins
- 6** spend a lot of money on something

7  **8.1** Listen to two friends, Ben and Donna, doing the quiz. Make a note of Ben's answers. Does he mostly answer A, B or C?

8 Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Ben thinks Donna is
 - a) good with money.
 - b) bad with money.**
- 2 Donna is
 - a) pleased with her result.
 - b) upset about her result.**
- 3 Ben says he saves extra money for
 - a) Christmas.
 - b) going on holiday.**
- 4 Ben feels
 - a) worried about paying off his credit card.
 - b) relaxed about paying off his credit card.**
- 5 Ben puts his change into a charity box or
 - a) a piggy bank.
 - b) a tips jar.**
- 6 Ben uses his credit card more than usual
 - a) in an emergency.
 - b) when he goes on holiday.**

9 Look at the extracts from the recording. Choose the correct meaning, a) or b), for the words and phrases in bold.

- 1 It said I need to be more **thrifty** ...
 - a) boring
 - b) careful with money**
- 2 What would you do if you saw something you really wanted but you couldn't **afford** it?
 - a) have enough money to pay for something
 - b) have enough room to store something**
- 3 I love my **bargains**!
 - a) treasure
 - b) something you buy for less than its worth**
- 4 ... it makes me feel **anxious** ...
 - a) worried
 - b) excited**