

After the jackpot

6C LISTENING AND VOCABULARY (Audio script: extra activities)

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Presenter: Today, we take a look at how careful choices can make a lottery win a good thing and how poor choices can lead to ¹*unhappiness* (**UNHAPPY**). With us is Dale Glover, author of *After the Jackpot*. Dale, unlike most books about lotteries, this is not a guide to winning, is it?

Dale: No. The book tells the stories of some of the biggest lottery ² _____ (**WIN**) in recent history and examines how winning changed their lives for better or worse.

Presenter: And did you find the answer to the old question of whether money buys ³ _____ (**HAPPY**)?

Dale: Well, many winners discover that material ⁴ _____ (**POSSESS**) don't bring them ⁵ _____ (**SATISFY**), and that the lifestyle they thought they wanted doesn't actually suit them. For example, UK teenager Jane Park won a million pounds when she was only seventeen. Her initial ⁶ _____ (**EXCITED**) quickly turned to ⁷ _____ (**SAD**) and now she's sorry she won.

Presenter: Really?

Dale: Jane made some poor choices. She bought an expensive car, but was ⁸ _____ (**SHAME**) to drive it because people stared at her. She went on a luxurious holiday, but felt ⁹ _____ (**EMBARRASS**) because the other guests at the hotel were not like her. She even bought two properties, generally a wise ¹⁰ _____ (**INVEST**), but then moved back into a small flat with her mum because she was lonely. I'd say Jane's story shows that the ¹¹ _____ (**LUXURY**) way of life many of us think we want, can actually be a ¹² _____ (**DISAPPOINTING**).

Presenter: I think our listeners might find it difficult to feel ¹³ _____ (**SYMPATHETIC**) for a lottery winner.

Dale: Well, like many winners, Jane's relationships have also suffered. She has the same friends, but finds it harder to get on with them now. It's also hard for winners like Jane to trust new people. They find themselves asking 'are they interested in me, or my money?' Jane and others have even faced cyberbullying from strangers who are jealous. For some winners, this ¹⁴ _____ (**ENVOIOUS**) can even affect family relationships, though thankfully not in Jane's case.

Presenter: Presumably, some of the people in your book have made better choices and are enjoying their ¹⁵ _____ (**WEALTHY**).

Dale: Absolutely. Firstly, many winners choose to remain anonymous. A good example is the eighteen-year-old who won 22 million pounds in 2013, the biggest win ever by a UK teenager. He has given ¹⁶ _____ (**GENEROUS**) to charity, also a good choice, and no one knows who he is, so he has avoided the pressure of media attention. The winners whose dreams have come true have often thought ahead, taken ¹⁷ _____ (**FINANCE**) advice and made good investments. Many older winners stop working, but experience has shown it is wise to stay active through travel, an interest, or charity work. With millions of pounds in your pocket and nothing to do, it's easy to take up ¹⁸ _____ (**HEALTHY**) habits.

Presenter: I'm sure. Of course, another option is to just give it all away, ha!

Dale: Well, in 2017, a nineteen-year-old in the US won half a million dollars. He invested 5,000 dollars himself and gave the rest to his parents to thank them for everything they had done for him and his sister.

Presenter: How wonderful!