

# Gambling and Bets



## LISTENING ACTIVITY

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**1 -** Why do many people enjoy gambling?

- a) Because it is always safe
- b) Because it is free
- c) Because it is exciting and they might win money

**2 -** What is a popular place for gambling in some countries?

- a) Libraries
- b) Casinos
- c) Banks

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**3 -** What do people do in lotteries?

- a) Play cards
- b) Race horses
- c) Buy tickets

**4 -** What does insurance do?

- a) Protects people from losing a large amount of money
- b) Helps people win money quickly
- c) Makes gambling safer

**5 -** Why can gambling be risky?

- a) Because the games are too easy
- b) Because people might spend too much
- c) Because everyone always wins

**6 -** What do some countries do about gambling?

- a) They encouraged people to gamble
- b) They have different rules about it
- c) They make everyone gamble



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## VOCABULARY



Match the words to the pictures



**GAMBLE**



**BET**



**INSURANCE**



**LOTTERY**



**RISK**



**PROTECTION**



**CASINO**



**EXCITEMENT**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ A place where people play gambling games
- b) \_\_\_\_\_ A feeling of strong interest or energy
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ A chance of something bad happening
- d) \_\_\_\_\_ To risk money to win more
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ Something that helps keep you safe
- f) \_\_\_\_\_ A game where people choose numbers to win money
- g) \_\_\_\_\_ To put money on the result of a game
- h) \_\_\_\_\_ A system that pays you money if something bad happens

## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAP

Fill in the text with the words below.

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MONEY

SMALL

LOTTERIES

FOOTBALL

REAL

CASINOS

HOME

EXCITEMENT

Gambling is enjoyed in many countries around the world because people like the \_\_\_\_\_ and the chance to win \_\_\_\_\_.

In some places, people go to \_\_\_\_\_ to play games like **roulette**, **blackjack**, or **slot machines**. In other countries, people prefer \_\_\_\_\_. They buy a ticket and hope their numbers are chosen, even though the chance of winning is very \_\_\_\_\_. Horse racing is also a popular form of gambling, especially in the UK, Japan, and Australia.

Many people also bet on sports such as \_\_\_\_\_ or basketball, and online apps make it easy to do this from \_\_\_\_\_. Even simple activities like **bingo** or some mobile games can become gambling when people use \_\_\_\_\_ money to play.



blackjack



roulette



slot machines



bingo

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Fill in with the text with the words below.

MAKE

RULES

NOTICING

LARGE

RISK

RISKY

GROWING

LOST

MUSLIM

CHANCE

FRIENDS

EXCITEMENT

LIMITS

RESPONSIBLY

Insurance also uses \_\_\_\_\_, but in a different way. When someone pays for insurance, they pay a small amount of money regularly so they don't lose a \_\_\_\_\_ amount later. It's not a game, but it still deals with \_\_\_\_\_ and protection.

People gamble for different reasons. Some want to win money, some enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_, and others like playing with \_\_\_\_\_. But gambling can be \_\_\_\_\_, especially if people spend too much. It's important to stay careful and responsible. Setting \_\_\_\_\_, remembering that casinos usually win, and not trying to win back \_\_\_\_\_ money are important ways to stay safe. Online games can also make it easy to spend money without \_\_\_\_\_.

Different cultures have different \_\_\_\_\_ about gambling. Las Vegas is known for its casinos, while Singapore controls gambling very carefully. In many \_\_\_\_\_ countries, gambling is not allowed at all. Online gambling is \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere, especially with young people. Gambling can be fun when done \_\_\_\_\_, but it should always be seen as entertainment, not a way to \_\_\_\_\_ money.