

FORM 2  
LESSON 49: READING (Consumerism & Financial Awareness)

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## 10 DOLLARS A DAY

When they lose their job, most people worry about how they're going to survive. However, when Reed Sandridge lost his job in 2009, he didn't just think about himself. He realized that other people had problems too and looked a way to help them. He decided to give away \$10 to a different person every day for one year.

Reed started his 'year of giving' on December 15, 2009. He did this in memory of his mother, who died on that date three years previously. She always said, 'When you're going through hard times, that's when you need to give back.' Reed knew he had a limited amount of money, but the act of giving made him feel good!

But how did people react when a stranger suddenly offered them money? Some people were suspicious, but most of them were impressed by Reed's generosity! When he asked them 'What are you going to spend the money on?', he got lots of different answers. One homeless man went to his favourite café for a cup of coffee, while a young visitor from Russia spent it on phoning her family.

Reed knows that 10 dollars isn't enough to change someone's life, but he thinks it can turn a bad day into a good one. More importantly, it can encourage people to think about others before themselves. Reed wrote a blog about his experiences and by the end of the year he had a new job! Maybe this shows that when you do good things for other people, good things will happen to you!

Choose the correct answers.

1. What happened to Reed Sandridge in 2009?
  - a. His mother died
  - b. He became unemployed
  - c. He lost some money
2. How much money did Reed plan to give away in a year?
  - a. 365 dollars
  - b. 36,500 dollars
  - c. 3,650 dollars
3. Why did Reed want to give money to other people?
  - a. He was rich
  - b. He wanted to do something positive
  - c. He thought they might help him in the future
4. How did people usually feel when Reed gave them 10 dollars?
  - a. They found it difficult to trust him.
  - b. They didn't want to talk to him
  - c. They admired him
5. Where did Reed write about his 'year of giving'?
  - a. In his favourite café
  - b. On the internet
  - c. In his new job

