

Fill the gaps using the past tense of verbs from the box. Be careful, most of them are irregular.

buy	spend	lose	pay	cost
sell	win	waste	find	give

- 1 My car was five years old, so I it and a new one.
- 2 I was very sad when I my watch because it was a present from my wife and it her a lot of money. Fortunately, somebody it a few days later and took it to a police station.
- 3 I over £2,000 for my computer, but it isn't worth very much now.
- 4 My father me £50 last week but I most of it on Friday when I went to the concert.
- 5 Last week somebody £1 million in a game show on television. It was quite exciting.
- 6 I'm afraid I my money on those computer games – I don't think I've played them more than once.

Complete the sentences without using the underlined words and phrases. Don't change the meaning.

Example You want to tell a friend that your uncle is very rich.
My uncle is very well-off.

- 1 You want to know the value of your friend's gold ring. You ask:
How much is your
- 2 A friend wants to go to a restaurant but you don't have enough money. You say:
I'm afraid I
- 3 You want to borrow some money from a friend. You ask:
Could you
- 4 You want to know how much a friend paid for her dictionary. You ask:
How much
- 5 You want to explain to someone that a disco is incredibly expensive. You say:
That disco

How quickly can you answer these questions, YES or NO? Write down answers to all of them, then go back and check. If possible, ask someone else the same questions.

- 1 Is the currency in America called the dollar?
- 2 Is a five-pound note worth less than a 50p coin?
- 3 If you lend something to someone, do they borrow it?
- 4 If you waste money, do you use it well?
- 5 Is the 'euro' a currency?
- 6 If you 'can't afford' something, do you have enough money for it?
- 7 Does 'cost of living' mean the same as 'standard of living'?
- 8 If someone tells you a hotel is reasonable, is it very expensive?

Write down the approximate price of six things in your country, e.g. a daily newspaper, a short bus journey, a cup of coffee in a bar/café, a ticket for the cinema, a takeaway burger, a pair of jeans, etc. Do you think the price is expensive, reasonable, cheap? Compare with someone else if possible.