

## MONEY MAKES US WORRY\_ listening comprehension

### 1. Fill in the correct word (drag and drop):

A new study from the BBC shows that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ after money isn't easy. Over 109,000 people took (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in the BBC's Big Money Test. It was one of the biggest ever studies on the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of money. One of the biggest (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is that money makes many people feel bad. Researchers say over 40 per cent of us always worry about spending money; a third of us constantly worry about money; and the same (5) \_\_\_\_\_ feel guilty when spending money on themselves. The study found that women like to go shopping to make themselves (6) \_\_\_\_\_ better about life, while men are more likely to save their cash. Women are more (7) \_\_\_\_\_ with their money and are also more likely to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from money problems.

The researchers also looked at (9) \_\_\_\_\_ shops try and make us spend our money. It showed how stores are continually looking at new ways to make us buy things on (10) \_\_\_\_\_. It asks why candies and chocolate are always by the checkout in supermarkets; why "everyday (11) \_\_\_\_\_ like bread and milk are at the back of the shop so you have to walk through as many (12) \_\_\_\_\_ as possible to reach them;" and why the perfume and jewellery (13) \_\_\_\_\_ are always at the front of a department store. The test says that buying things on impulse can be bad for our (14) \_\_\_\_\_. "People who bought goods impulsively were three times more (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to go bankrupt, and four times more likely to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ out of money by the end of the week."

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## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What shows that looking after money isn't easy?

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2. How many people participated in the study?

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3. How many of us always worry about spending money?

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4. What percentage of people feel guilty about buying themselves things?

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5. What are women more likely to suffer from?

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6. What are shops continually looking at getting us to do?

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7. What question do the researchers have about candies and chocolate?

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8. What two everyday necessities are mentioned?

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9. What is impulse buying bad for?

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10. What thing are impulse buyers three times more likely to do?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1. What shows that looking after money isn't easy?
  - a) a magazine
  - b) an investment company
  - c) a new (BBC) study
  - d) a charity for bankrupt people
2. How many people participated in the study?
  - a) more than 109,000
  - b) just under 109,000
  - c) exactly 109,000
  - d) 109,109
3. How many of us always worry about spending money?
  - a) 40%
  - b) two-thirds
  - c) a third
  - d) a quarter
4. What percentage of people feel guilty about buying themselves things?
  - a) 75%
  - b) about 30%
  - c) 50%
  - d) 100%
5. What are women more likely to suffer from?
  - a) stress
  - b) high blood pressure
  - c) bankruptcy
  - d) money problems
6. What are shops continually looking at getting us to do?
  - a) buy things online
  - b) but things on impulse
  - c) buy more than one item
  - d) use our own shopping bags
7. What question do the researchers have about candies and chocolate?
  - a) why they are always next to the checkout
  - b) why they are so expensive
  - c) why we spend so much on them
  - d) why companies target children
8. What two everyday necessities are mentioned?
  - a) air and water
  - b) love and friendship
  - c) bread and milk
  - d) Internet and shopping
9. What is impulse buying bad for?
  - a) the economy
  - b) stores
  - c) our health
  - d) our finances
10. What thing are impulse buyers three times more likely to do?
  - a) go bankrupt
  - b) go shopping
  - c) go to perfume stores
  - d) buy things on sale

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

A new *study / studying* from the BBC shows that looking after money isn't easy. Over 109,000 people took *party / part* in the BBC's Big Money Test. It was one of the biggest ever studies on the psychology of money. One of the biggest findings is that money *making / makes* many people feel bad. Researchers say over 40 per cent of *them / us* always worry about spending money; a third of us *constant / constantly* worry about money; and the same percentage feel guilty when spending money *on / in* themselves. The study found that women like to *go / going* shopping to make themselves feel better *about / of* life, while men are more likely to save their cash. Women are more *generous / generosity* with their money and are also more likely to suffer from money *problems / problem*.

The researchers also looked at *weighs / ways* shops try and make us spend our money. It showed how stores are *continual / continually* looking at new ways to make us buy things *on impulsively / impulse*. It asks why candies and chocolate are always *by / buy* the checkout in supermarkets; why "everyday *necessary / essentials* like bread and milk are at the back of the shop so you have to walk through as many *ails / aisles* as possible to reach them;" and why the perfume and jewellery *section / sections* are always at the front of a department store. The test says that *buying / bought* things on impulse can be bad for our finances: "People who bought goods impulsively were three times more *likelihood / likely* to go bankrupt, and four times more likely to run out of money *by / on* the end of the week."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**