

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."

feel

psychology

suffer

looking

findings

generous

part

percentage

aisles

run

impulse

finances

ways

likely

essentials

sections

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

2. How many people participated in the study?

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

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

5. What are women more likely to suffer from?

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

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

8. What two everyday necessities are mentioned?

9. What is impulse buying bad for?

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

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) buy 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.