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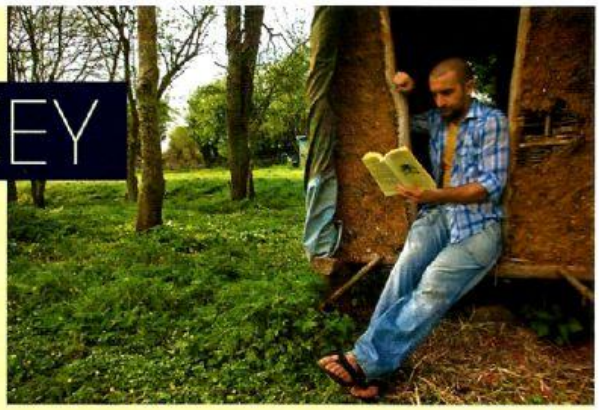
READING

A Skim the article. Which of these sentences is true?

Boyle decided that a life without money was impossible to live.
Boyle wanted to give people the chance to live a different lifestyle.

THE MAN WITH NO MONEY



A Can you imagine your life without any money? Not even a cent, a real, or a peso? One man decided to try it out.

B Mark Boyle was a successful manager of an organic food company in Ireland. He had a good life. But he worried about the damage humans were doing to the environment. He also believed people bought more things than they needed. Boyle wished we grew our own food and made our own furniture, so we wouldn't waste as much as we do today. So one day, he left his job and started an experiment – could he live for a year without buying anything?

C He sold his houseboat and moved into an old mobile home. He got it for free from a website where people give away things they don't want. It wasn't as comfortable as his old place at first, but he soon made it feel like home. He parked it on a farm near Bristol, England. Instead of paying rent, he worked on the farm. He burned wood from the forest to heat his home, so he didn't pay electricity or gas bills.

D Boyle didn't go shopping, either. He grew his own fruit and vegetables. He also looked for food in the trash cans of supermarkets and cooked it on a wood stove. He made his own toothpaste from fish bones and seeds. To wash his clothes, he used a special type of nut to make soap. Boyle even built his own toilet and used old newspapers from the farm for toilet paper.

E He began using money again after eighteen months. He says his life change made him feel healthier, happier, and closer to nature. He wrote two books about his experience and used the money to start "The Free House," a farm in Ireland where people can live without money.

B Read the article. Then circle the correct word or words.

1. Before the experiment, Mark Boyle was his job.
2. Boyle thought that people
3. Boyle worked on a farm
4. Boyle made cleaning products from things he found in
5. Boyle generally felt after living without money.

C Match the sentences to the paragraphs they describe. Write the letter.

___ 1. Describes a big change that happened in the person's life
___ 2. Describes the way the person's everyday habits changed
___ 3. Asks a question to make the reader think about the topic
___ 4. Gives general information about the past of the main person in the story
___ 5. Explains how the person felt about the whole experiment

D **PAIR WORK** Discuss Boyle's experience. Would you like to try it?
Do you think people today spend too much money on things they don't need?

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