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Pocket Money

Pocket money – good or bad? Check out this web report, then listen to our show!



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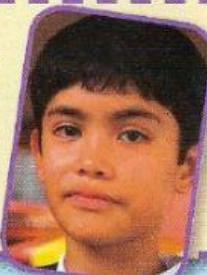
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In the UK, some lucky children get pocket money every week.

A Parents often give money for good grades at school and for housework. Kids sometimes wash dishes or babysit for a younger brother or sister. Girls usually get more money than boys!

C 30% of children save some money, but a quarter do not save at all. At the end of the week, there isn't any money in their pockets! Parents usually pay for things with big price tags, like mobile phones and MP3 players. Girls usually save more money than boys.

D Pocket money is a bad idea. My parents don't pay me for good grades or housework. I want to do well and be helpful – money doesn't make any difference.
Joachim, 13, Brazil



B Two-thirds of pocket money goes on sweets and chocolate. Girls also spend money on clothes, make-up, hair gel and magazines. Boys spend money on computer games. Kids with a lot of pocket money sometimes pay for school books, clothes and travel. When you take away the price of these things, there isn't much money for chocolate!

Pocket money is a good idea. My daughter spends a little on sweets and there are always a few magazines in her bag. She saves money too – she's very independent!
Maureen, Australia



1 Read the web report quickly. Match the headings with paragraphs A–D.

- 1 Do they save any money? C
- 2 What do kids spend it on?
- 3 What do YOU think?
- 4 When do parents give pocket money?

2 **1.12** Listen and read. Write true, false or doesn't say.

- 1 Some kids get pocket money because they help with housework. true
- 2 Girls do more housework than boys.
- 3 Boys and girls spend a lot of their money on food.
- 4 Parents usually pay for expensive things.
- 5 Boys spend more money than girls.
- 6 Joachim sometimes does housework for money.