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Money makes the world go round

A In each of the word groups below, circle the word(s) with a different meaning.

1 costly	dear	reasonable
2 careful	affluent	well-off
3 generous	stingy	mean
4 priceless	worthless	worth a fortune
5 hard up	broke	comfortably off
6 a rip-off	dirt cheap	extortionate
7 pricey	valuable	precious



B Match the situations in 1–8 with the advice and suggestions in A–H.

1 I've just come into €10,000! I was thinking about buying a new car. What do you reckon?

A You could always dip into your savings if you really want to go.

2 I've nearly run out of money and I don't get my allowance until the end of the month.

B Lucky you! Now you're so affluent, how about shouting me dinner?

3 I really want to go to the Jessie J concert, but the tickets cost an arm and a leg!

C Yes, it does sound pricey. How about shopping around or buying a second-hand one?

4 I'm desperate to get a new laptop, but I'm broke. Perhaps I should borrow some money from the bank.

D Hang on! Shouldn't you think about keeping some back for a rainy day?

5 I can't believe that bike costs €800! I think they're trying to rip me off.

E You ought to get a part-time job so you can help them out with the monthly expenses.

6 I owe my parents a fortune and I can't afford to repay them.

F I wouldn't get into debt if I were you. Why don't you try saving up for one?

7 I've just sold some shares and I made a killing!

G That's because money burns a hole in your pocket. You've got to cut back on your spending.

8 My dad's just lost his job. My parents are finding it hard to make ends meet.

H Well, you're going to have to tighten your belt until then.