

**DIRECTIONS.** Choose the correct option TRUE or FALSE.

## PASSAGE 2

William Johnstone; age seven, went on an Internet shopping website and, using his mother's credit card, bought himself an airplane. No, not a toy airplane, a jet-fighter. Fortunately, the seller realized there was something wrong when he asked for the delivery address. Apartment number 53 in downtown Detroit was not the answer he was expecting. In this case, not a penny was spent, but there are plenty of other cases of people blowing lots of money very quickly, very stupidly.

Californian Bill Davies didn't even get that far. When he saw that he had the winning numbers in his local lottery, he immediately ordered a Mercedes, booked a family vacation in Hawaii, and had a champagne dinner for friends and family. When he went to pick up his winnings, he found that 9,022 others had also won first prize! His share of the jackpot was \$40.

Doug Stearns won nearly \$1,000,000 in the lottery in March, 2001. By May, he had \$400 left. "I got a bit excited," said the builder, 24. He went on a spending spree and bought six cars, including two for friends. By May, he had crashed two of the cars and his friend crashed a third in June. Fortunately, Stearns was able to return to his old job, "It was fun while it lasted," he said, "but I'm happier back at work. I got bored sitting home all day, so I got into trouble."

When 76-year-old Samantha Brown realized her husband was in debt (she decided to sell as many things as possible, including an old mattress. A few weeks later her husband nervously asked her where the mattress was. Hidden inside it were his life savings of \$30,000. They managed to find the mattress but not the money which, strangely, "had taken a walk."

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| 1. William Johnstone knew how to buy things over the Internet.        | T F |
| 2. The person who was selling the airplane sent it to William's home. | T F |
| 3. Bill Davies thought he was going to win a lot of money.            | T F |
| 4. Many other people had chosen the same winning numbers as Davies.   | T F |
| 5. Doug Stearns spent all of his Lottery winnings in two months.      | T F |
| 6. Stearns is sad because he is not rich now.                         | T F |
| 7. Samantha Brown knew there was some money hidden in the mattress.   | T F |
| 8. Mr. and Mrs. Brown lost \$30,000.                                  | T F |