

# Does money make you happy?

## UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

- 1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Whose opinions about money do you agree with most?
- 2 Read the text below about Val's life in London. Then watch the video from 0:10–0:26 and fill in the missing words.

I like <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in London but it can be <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ expensive. Today I'm <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to people about money and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Do you <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ money makes you happy?



- 3 Look at the people below and read the things they say about money. Then watch the video from 0:27–1:31 and match the people to the statements.



Winston



Tracey



Nick



Glaucia



Elena



Florence



David

1 lack of money makes people unhappy

2 I think money can't make you happy at the end of the day.

3 fundamentally, happiness doesn't come from just having money

4 money can enhance happiness but happiness is about family, friends, ...

5 money won't give you happiness directly but I think it could give you a little help

6 it can enable you to do more things which could make you a happier person

7 money will probably contribute to my happiness

**4A** *What things are more important than money?* Look at the possible responses to the question in the box below. Then watch the video from 1:33–2:31 and tick (✓) the answers you hear. There are five extra words and phrases.

having a large family    hearing your child laugh    world peace    love    contentment  
 doing well at school    a good job    feeling at ease with other people    security  
 the environment    health    friends    a nurturing environment    having a stable family

**4B** Now use some of the phrases from Exercise 4A to complete what the speakers below say.



Elena



Nick



Tracey

1 Your family, your \_\_\_\_\_, having good \_\_\_\_\_ and feeling satisfied with what you're doing in your life and I think money can't give you that.

2 \_\_\_\_\_; having a stable family; feeling at ease with yourself; \_\_\_\_\_.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ is more important than money. I think family is really important and having, like, \_\_\_\_\_ to grow up in.

**5** *Should wealthy people be taxed more to support the poor?* Watch the video from 2:35–3:24 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.



Winston

He thinks rich people should pay more tax than poorer people. T



Nick

He thinks everyone should pay the same tax.   



Elena

She thinks poorer people need to work harder.   



David

He doesn't think you should definitely tax the rich to help the poor.   



Glaucia

She thinks the difference between the rich and the poor is too big.