

37.1 Read these remarks by different people, then answer the questions.

Lauren: I sent 100 euros to the Children's Fund for the Developing World.

Anthony: I went into the bank with 1,000 euros and came out with the equivalent in Australian dollars.

Patrick: I won 100,000 dollars on the lottery and bought stupid, useless things.
I have almost nothing left now.

Emilia: The garden was in a terrible mess after the storm. I paid a gardener a lot of money to sort it out but he didn't seem to make it any better.

Hannah: I put 5,000 euros in an account which gives 4% interest.

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1 Who threw money at something?	
2 Who saved money?	
3 Who donated money?	
4 Who squandered money?	
5 Who changed money?	

rock-bottom prices - (prices) go up / rise - prices soar -
reasonably priced – ridiculous price

37.2 Complete these sentences using collocations from B opposite. Use each collocation once only.

- 1 In January, the price of gold was 35,000 dollars a kilo. In July it was 44,000 dollars. In just six months the price had
- 2 An airline is offering a return flight from London to New York for just 50 dollars. At first sight this seems like a, as many people on the same flight will be paying 1,000 dollars or more.
- 3 Given that most first-class hotels were charging 350 dollars a night because of the festival, at 275 dollars our four-star hotel seemed
- 4 Tablet computers are now selling at prices because there's so much competition. One that cost 150 dollars a year ago now costs only 70.
- 5 Car prices down last year, but they will probably again before the end of the year as steel becomes more expensive.

37.3 Choose the correct collocation.

- 1 Bank assistant: Can I help you?
Customer: Yes. I'd like to *take / get / make* a withdrawal from my account, please.
- 2 Bank Manager: Is your company *getting / making / taking* money?
Business customer: Yes. We are in profit. So I have a *firm / steady / strong* income.
- 3 Teenage son: Dad, will you lend me some money to buy a car?
Father: Well, money is rather *slim / hard / tight* at the moment. Ask your mother.
- 4 Jake: These cameras aren't as expensive as I thought.
Fran: They're *going / asking / giving* cheap right now because a new model has just come out.
The new ones are ridiculously expensive because they are in such *low / short / little* supply.
- 5 George: We need to *bring up / rise / raise* money for the new gym. Any ideas?
Joe: Well, we could have a children's sports day and get all the parents to contribute.
- 6 Mick: You must have made a *slight / slim / small* fortune when you sold your house.
Kathy: Yes, I did, but the money is all *closed up / tied up / packed up* in the new one.
- 7 Oscar: I guess Zara is making *big / large / huge* money with her Internet business.
Erica: Oh yes, she's *absolutely / utterly / seriously* rich now.