

POCKET MONEY

Did you know?



1 Most teenagers receive pocket money every week. But not everyone gets the same amount of money. Have you asked your friends how much they get? You might be surprised. And if you're a girl you'll be amazed to learn that boys often get more than girls of the same age!

2 Teenagers up to the age of about 15 in the UK have about £5 a week in pocket money. But in Italy, France and Spain, the same age-group gets about €9, which is a bit more. In the US, pocket money is called 'an allowance'. Most teenagers get an allowance of about \$30, which is more than £20 or €25.

3 Quite a lot of teenagers do. They have to do things in the house, like washing-up and cleaning and then they get their pocket money. If they don't do the jobs, they don't get the money. Some teenagers have part-time jobs too, which means they have more than their pocket money to spend each week.

4 You might be surprised at the answer. Teenagers in the UK spend more of their money on food than on clothes. Is that true for you too? Teens do more shopping online than before and online clothes shopping is cheaper. So perhaps this is one reason they don't spend so much on clothes.

5 Some parents do! They only let them buy some things. Other parents want their teens to save all their pocket money and spend it on something big in the future, or not spend it at all.



TALKING POINTS

What was the most surprising thing for you in the article?

READING

1 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 What is pocket money?
- 2 Do you get pocket money?
- 3 How much do you get a week?
- 4 Do you spend more of your pocket money on food or clothes?

2 Read the article quickly. Match the question to the correct paragraph.

- a So what happens in different countries?
- b Do teens have to work for their pocket money?
- c Do parents tell teens what to spend pocket money on?
- d What do teenagers spend their money on?
- e Do all teenagers get pocket money?

3 Answer the questions about the article.

- 1 What's the difference between the pocket money girls get and the pocket money boys get?
- 2 Where do teenagers get more pocket money, the USA, the UK or Italy, France and Spain?
- 3 What is pocket money called in the USA?
- 4 What do some teens have to do before they get their pocket money?
- 5 How do some teenagers add to their pocket money?
- 6 What do some parents want their children to do with their pocket money?

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