

Money makes you a "bad" person

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A researcher has made a report that says having a lot of money makes you a "bad" person. Professor Paul Piff spent ten years looking

at the personalities of rich people and found that their behaviour was very different to the behaviour of poor people. Dr Piff said rich people are more likely to break rules, not follow the law, and not care about other people. He also said wealthy people cheat more at games and are less likely to help other people. Professor Piff told the BBC that: "Wealth makes you more [worried about] your own interests, your own desires, your own welfare." He added that rich people think their own goals and needs are the most important thing in their life.

Professor Piff also found that poorer people are more generous than rich people. The poor give a higher percentage of their money to help others than the rich. He said poorer people give one-and-a-half times as much as richer people. He said: "The wealthier you are, the less generous you are. You give significantly smaller portions away to [other people]." However, he did say that rich people could change their behaviour and become nicer and more generous. He said rich people can help others more if you tell them that giving and helping is a good thing. He said: "Reminding people of the benefits of cooperation, or the advantages of community, cause wealthier individuals to be just as [giving] as poor people."

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Writing

Money is the root of all evil. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

researcher / money / personalities / rich people / behaviour / cheat / wealth / welfare / generous / percentage / change / giving / benefits / cooperation / advantages / poor

True / False

- A professor looked at rich people for ten years.
- The professor said the personalities of the rich and poor were similar.
- The professor said rich people cheat more at games.
- The article says poor people think their own goals are most important.
- Poor people give more of their money away than rich people.
- The professor said the richer you are, the less generous you are.
- Rich people will not change their behaviour even if you tell them to.
- The professor said rich people cannot be as giving as poor people.

Synonym Match

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| 1. report | a. money |
| 2. looking at | b. probable |
| 3. likely | c. considerably |
| 4. wealth | d. aims |
| 5. goals | e. greater |
| 6. higher | f. study |
| 7. significantly | g. inspires |
| 8. benefits | h. observing |
| 9. causes | i. people |
| 10. individuals | j. advantages |

Discussion – Student A

- Is money the root of all evil?
- How does money change people?
- Do you think richer people are meaner?
- How do rich people behave?
- Is there "one law for the rich and another for the poor"?
- Does wealth make you more selfish?
- How would being rich change your personality?
- Is it wrong that there are so many rich people in the world?

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Phrase Match

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| 1. having a lot of money makes | a. your own interests |
| 2. looking at the personalities | b. very different |
| 3. their behaviour was | c. smaller portions |
| 4. more likely to break | d. percentage |
| 5. more worried about | e. rules |
| 6. a higher | f. you a bad person |
| 7. one-and-a- | g. is a good thing |
| 8. significantly | h. of community |
| 9. giving and helping | i. of rich people |
| 10. the advantages | j. half times |

Discussion – Student B

- Why don't rich people give as much to help poor people?
- Does money make the world go round?
- Who is the meanest person you know?
- How generous are you?
- What would you do to help people if you were rich?
- When was the last time you had no money?
- How can the world share money more equally?
- What questions would you like to ask a very rich person?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. e	7. c	8. j	9. g	10. i

Role Play

Role A – House

You think the house is the best thing to spend money on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to spend money on (and why): hobbies, entertainment or clothes.

Role B – Hobbies

You think hobbies are the best things to spend money on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to spend money on (and why): the house, entertainment or clothes.

Role C – Entertainment

You think entertainment is the best thing to spend money on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to spend money on (and why): hobbies, the house or clothes.

Role D – Clothes

You think clothes are the best things to spend money on. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these to spend money on (and why): hobbies, entertainment or the house.

Speaking – Desires

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things to spend money on at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • house | • family |
| • car | • entertainment |
| • jewellery | • technology |
| • hobbies | • clothes |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.