EXTENDED WRITING: MONEY AND VALUES

B2 | Adults / Teens | Discussion Writing | 20–30 minutes | Set 2

Write developed answers. Support your ideas with reasons, examples, or a personal experience.

1. Is money the root of all evil?

2. Can money buy happiness?

3. What things cannot be bought with money?

4. What is the most money you have wasted?

5. Is it immoral to be a billionaire?

6. What would you do if you were extremely wealthy?

7. Is greed ever useful?

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Possible B2 answers: Notice how each response gives a clear idea and support.

1. Is money the root of all evil?

Example: I don't think money itself is the root of all evil. It can pay for food or education; problems arise when people value getting richer more than treating others fairly.

2. Can money buy happiness?

Example: Money can remove worries and pay for enjoyable experiences, so it can contribute to happiness. However, a bigger house won't necessarily help someone who feels lonely or lacks a sense of purpose.

3. What things cannot be bought with money?

Example: Money can't buy genuine trust or recover time that has passed. It can fund a family holiday, but a close relationship still depends on listening and spending time together.

4. What is the most money you have wasted?

Example: I wasted about two hundred pounds on a gym membership I barely used. I liked the idea of getting fit, but hadn't considered whether I could realistically go after work.

5. Is it immoral to be a billionaire?

Example: Being a billionaire isn't automatically immoral in my view, but how the wealth was gained matters. I'd question a fortune built by exploiting workers, even if some is later donated.

6. What would you do if you were extremely wealthy?

Example: If I were extremely wealthy, I'd secure a comfortable home and support projects that make education more accessible. I'd also keep working on something meaningful rather than spend every day shopping.

7. Is greed ever useful?

Example: Greed may push someone to work harder, but I don't think that makes it a good quality. Ambition can achieve the same result without ignoring other people's needs.

8. Can society function without money?

Example: A small community might exchange goods and services without money, but that would be difficult on a large scale. Money makes exchanges easier when people don't each have what the other needs.