

Wealth

Activity 1

Discuss the following questions with your partner.

1. How rich would you like to be – twice as rich as you are, a millionaire, a billionaire?
2. If you had a million pounds what would you spend it on? Why?
3. What's more important – health, wealth or happiness? Why?
4. Would you rather be rich and unknown or famous but poor (e.g. Mother Theresa)? Why?
5. Do you know anyone who 'knows the price of everything and the value of nothing'?
6. What are recognised symbols of wealth in your country? (e.g. a fast car, expensive jewellery)

Activity 2

With your partner, decide what the underlined words mean in the following sentences.

1. Would you like another slice of cake? No, thank you. It's too rich for me.
2. The palace was richly decorated in the Baroque style.
3. In some parts of the world people eat insects because they are protein-rich.
4. Burma is a poor country despite its natural riches.
5. 'He said I was driving dangerously fast!'
'Did he? That's rich, coming from him. He's had four speeding fines in the last six weeks!'

Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the following words and expressions meaning 'rich'.

to be rolling in money wealthy rich as Croesus flush

1. Bill Gates, one of the richest people in the world can be described as being as
2. Well-off is an adjective which means the same as
3. To be loaded is a slang term which means the same as to be
4. is an idiomatic expression which means that someone is extremely rich.

Activity 4

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Who are the richest people in your country?
2. What do rich people in your country spend their money on?
3. Do you think rich people generally spend their money wisely?
4. In your opinion, should global wealth be re-distributed evenly?
5. Do you think rich people should be allowed to leave their money to their children?
6. Is it better to earn money, win it or inherit it?
7. Some say love makes the world go round, some say money does – what do you think?
8. What are the *disadvantages* of being rich?
9. Do you think people in general are richer now than in the past?
10. How many popular 'rags to riches' stories can you think of? (e.g. Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens)

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which of the following billionaires is not mentioned in the TP Homework?
a) Bill Gates b) Warren Buffet c) Mark Zuckerberg
2. Why is the Duke of Westminster mentioned in the TP Homework?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'Should global wealth be re-distributed evenly?'

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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