

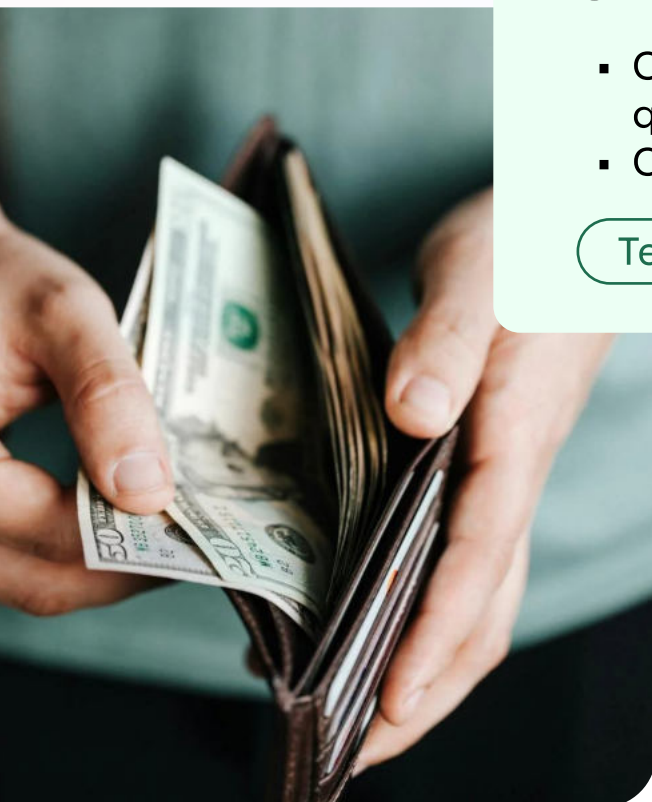
Money Talks

Skills:

- Can start up a conversation and help keep it going by asking people relatively spontaneous questions about familiar subjects.
- Can explain the main points in an idea or problem with reasonable precision.

Teens/Adults

Group



1 Look through the following statements about money and divide them into myths and true facts. Explain your choice.

1. Only rich people donate.
2. Talking about money can help relationships.
3. Debt is always bad.
4. It takes a lot of work to save money.
5. Rich people don't have money problems.
6. Money offers the freedom to make choices.
7. Cash is the best way to pay.

2 Match the words and phrases with their definitions:

to budget

to afford

household expenses

manage money

purchase protection

retirement

an emergency fund

financial independence

cash-back

get into debt

1. to have enough money to pay for something without causing financial problems.
2. to handle your finances wisely, including saving, spending, and investing effectively.
3. a reward that gives you a percentage of your spending back in cash when you buy something.
4. a service that helps you get your money back if an item you bought is damaged or not delivered.
5. to borrow money that you must pay back later, often leading to financial problems.
6. regular costs related to running a home, such as rent, utilities, and groceries.
7. the ability to support yourself financially without relying on others.
8. the time in life when you stop working and begin to live off your savings or pension.
9. savings set aside specifically for unexpected expenses or emergencies.
10. to plan how to spend your money by setting limits on different categories of expenses.

3 Read the text and say whether you agree with each myth. If not, explain why. Which myths did you use to believe in?

We all hear the same financial advice: spend less, save more, and invest early. While these points are true, some money tips are false. Here are seven money myths that might confuse you.

Myth #1: Debit is ALWAYS Better Than Credit

Credit cards can help you in many ways. They offer rewards like cash-back and gas discounts. Using credit cards wisely can build a strong credit history. Also, they offer purchase protection for big items.

Myth #2: Buy a Home at All Costs

Owning a home gives freedom but also comes with costs. For people who move often or can't afford home repairs, renting might be better.

Myth #3: Investing is Only for the Rich

Anyone can invest, even with a small amount of savings. There are options like short-term accounts, IRAs, or the stock market. A good investment plan can help you reach financial independence.

Myth #4: My Partner Manages the Finances, So I Don't Need to Know About Money

Every adult should understand their family's finances. Even if one partner manages the money, both should know about household expenses and investments in case of an emergency.

Myth #5: Credit Cards Will Get Me Through Any Financial Crisis

Relying on credit cards in a crisis can lead to debt. You may not be able to pay them on time, leading to more costs. It's better to have an emergency fund with three to six months' worth of living expenses.

Myth #6: I'm Too Young to Think About Retirement

The earlier you start saving for retirement, the less you need to save each month. Max out your 401(k) contributions and take advantage of employer contributions. If there's no retirement plan at work, open an IRA.

Myth #7: I Have Enough Money; I Don't Need to Budget

Budgeting is important for everyone. Without a budget, even high earners can get into debt. A budget helps you see where your money goes and make smart choices.

4 Mark the sentences as True or False:

1. Credit cards can help build a good credit history if used wisely.

2. Renting is always a better option than buying a home.

3. Only wealthy individuals can invest in the stock market.

4. It's unnecessary for both partners to understand household finances.

5. Relying on credit cards during a financial crisis is a good strategy.

6. Starting to save for retirement early reduces the monthly amount needed.

7. High earners do not need to worry about budgeting.
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5 Match the halves of the sentences about money:

1. To keep track of my savings, I write down my household

2. An emergency

3. Having purchase

4. If you spend more than you earn, you may quickly get

5. Learning how to manage

6. It is important to think carefully about what you can afford

7. It is essential to budget

8. He started saving money early so that he could enjoy a comfortable

9. If you use a specific credit card, you can receive

10. She is working hard toward financial
- a. expenses every month.

b. cash-back on your everyday purchases.

c. before making a big purchase.

d. into debt and regret it.

e. your monthly income to avoid running out of money too soon.

f. protection helps me feel more secure when I buy expensive items online.

g. money wisely can lead to a more secure financial future.

h. retirement.

i. fund is really helpful when you suddenly have unexpected bills to pay.

j. independence so she can travel whenever she wants.

6 Take a minute to think about a useful financial tip or piece of advice you've heard recently. Write it down, then pair up with a classmate and share your advice with them. Listen to their advice as well and share your thoughts on it. Use examples from your own life to support your opinion.

Correct answers

1 The idea was generated in the “Lead-in Activities” tool. The content was created in the “Create a Text” tool.

Facts: 2, 6
Myths: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

2 Made in “Word-Definition Matching” tool.

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| 2. manage money | 7. financial independence |
| 3. cash-back | 8. retirement |
| 4. purchase protection | 9. an emergency fund |
| 5. get into debt | 10. to budget |

3 Based on [this article](#). Simplified in the “Simplify/Upgrade” tool.

4 Made in “True or False”.

- True - The text states that using credit cards wisely can build a strong credit history.
- False - The text mentions that renting might be better for people who move often or can't afford home repairs, not always.
- False - The text states that anyone can invest, even with a small amount of savings.
- False - The text emphasizes that every adult should understand their family's finances.
- False - The text advises against relying on credit cards in a crisis and suggests having an emergency fund instead.
- True - The text explains that the earlier you start saving for retirement, the less you need to save each month.
- False - The text states that budgeting is important for everyone, including high earners.

5 Made in “Sentences with Target Vocabulary” + “Matching Halves”.

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| 2. i | 7. e |
| 3. f | 8. h |
| 4. d | 9. b |
| 5. g | 10. j |

6 Inspired by the “Lead-in Activities” tool.