

# UNIT 3: MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### MONEY

How important is money to you?

How much do you spend each month on clothes, records, cinema, restaurants, hobbies, lottery, etc.?

What's the best way of making a lot of money?

What's the largest amount of money you've ever had in your wallet / purse?

Does having a lot of money make someone more attractive?

Have you ever lost a lot of money?

Do you normally buy things with cash, a cheque or a credit card?

How many credit cards do you have?

What do you like most about credit cards?

What do you like least about credit cards?

Do credit cards make you buy more things?

Have you ever lost your credit card?

Do you worry about using your credit card to buy things online?

### THE LOTTERY

Do you do the lottery? How often?

How much do you spend?

Have you won anything?

If you won 120.000 € in the lottery, what would you do?

### REAL AND UNREAL FUTURE PLANS

Talk about your future using sentences starting with if. Talk about real and unreal possibilities.

## INTERACTION

A: You have a lot of money problems. Tell your friend about them.

B: Give your friend advice about how to organize your budget.

**\*Vocabulary tip:** What name should be given to “the crisis”? Today the favoured terms are:

- The (Economic) Downturn / Slowdown
- The (Global) Financial / Economic Crisis

In English, the current situation is rarely referred to as simply “The Crisis”

## WRITING

Write a short paragraph about how you balance your budget. Use the following expressions:

My sources of income are...

I spend my money on...

Write an article about *The Importance of Money in Our Society* (opinion essay)

## OPINION ESSAYS

**What is it?** An opinion essay is a discursive essay in which you present your personal opinion on a particular topic.

### **Where can I find it?**

You can find this type of writing in the form of an article in newspapers, magazines...

### **Structure**

#### **Introduction**

##### **Paragraph 1**

Introduce the subject and state your opinion clearly

**Main body (the number of paragraphs depend on the number of viewpoints included)**

##### **Paragraph 2**

First viewpoint (supported by reasons / examples)

##### **Paragraph 3**

Second viewpoint (supported by reasons / examples)

##### **Paragraph 4**

Opposing viewpoint (supported by reasons / examples)

#### **Conclusion**

Restate your opinion using different words

### **Linking words / phrases you can use**

**To list points:** firstly, to begin with, for one thing, secondly, lastly.

**To add more points:** also, moreover, apart from this, in addition, furthermore.

**To introduce opposing viewpoints:** although, on the other hand, however, nonetheless.

**To introduce examples / reasons:** for example, such as, for instance, in other words, in particular, because, since (=because).

**To conclude:** to sum up, all things considered, taking everything into account.

### **Useful expressions for giving opinions**

I believe / think / feel that...

I strongly believe that...

In my opinion / view...

To my mind...

### **Grammar**

We normally use the present tense in this kind of text

### **Register**

Opinion essays are normally written in formal style. Avoid using colloquial expressions, short forms or personal examples.