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Nicer people are poorer, says study

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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New research says that nicer people are poorer than people who are not so nice. Researchers looked at how our personalities affected how rich we were. They found that people with a nice personality were financially worse off than more selfish people. Kinder people found it more difficult to look after their money. A researcher said this was because of the "agreeableness" of kinder, more trusting and more caring people. He said agreeableness was linked to different examples of financial hardship. These included lower savings, higher debt and an inability to repay debt.

Researchers looked at data from different sources, including online surveys taken by 4,000 people. The data included information about people's financial situations, their debt, and their attitude towards money. They compared this data with surveys in which people answered questions about their personality and agreeableness. The researchers said agreeable people seemed to care less about money and so did not look after their money wisely. A researcher said being kind and trusting had "financial costs". She wanted to better understand, "why nice guys seem to finish last".

Sources: <https://www.earth.com/news/nice-people-money-problems/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-6265263/Agreeable-people-money-work-likely-bankrupt.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. people who are not | a. hardship |
| 2. people with a nice | b. off |
| 3. financially worse | c. personality |
| 4. more difficult to look | d. to repay debt |
| 5. more trusting and more | e. after their money |
| 6. examples of financial | f. caring people |
| 7. higher | g. so nice |
| 8. an inability | h. debt |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. online | a. less about money |
| 2. information about people's financial | b. costs |
| 3. people answered | c. surveys |
| 4. care | d. to finish last |
| 5. being kind | e. situations |
| 6. financial | f. understand |
| 7. She wanted to better | g. questions |
| 8. why nice guys seem | h. and trusting |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New research says that nicer (1) _____ than people who are not so nice. Researchers looked at how our personalities (2) _____ we were. They found that people with a nice personality were financially (3) _____ more selfish people. Kinder people found it more difficult to look after their money. A researcher (4) _____ because of the "agreeableness" of kinder, more trusting and (5) _____. He said agreeableness was linked to different examples of financial hardship. These included lower savings, higher debt (6) _____ to repay debt.

Researchers (7) _____ from different sources, including online surveys taken by 4,000 people. The data included information about people's financial situations, (8) _____ their attitude towards money. They compared this data with (9) _____ people answered questions about their personality and agreeableness. The researchers said agreeable people (10) _____ less about money and so did not look after their money wisely. A researcher said being (11) _____ had "financial costs". She wanted to better understand, "why (12) _____ to finish last".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NICE PEOPLE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181016-nice-people-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Nice people in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **nice people** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
