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Level 1 – 26th September 2024

People need \$100,000 salary to stop money worries

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Can money buy happiness? U.S. financial planning experts conducted a survey on money. They found that six in ten people needed over \$100,000 a year to stop worrying about money. Around 50 per cent of the people said they needed an annual salary of \$200,000 to feel happy. The experts' report stated that 12 per cent of Americans think they are wealthy. It also reported that a third of millionaires said they felt financially secure.

More than 3,000 adults answered questions about money worries. Half of the people thought they were "rich". They had between \$500,000 and \$3 million. The experts said: "Many Americans, even those who are affluent, aren't feeling very confident about their financial situation." They added that a \$100,000 salary today simply means a stable lifestyle. It no longer means financial success or happiness.

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2024/09/23/only-33percent-of-millionaires-consider-themselves-wealthy-report-finds.html>
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/income-salary-you-need-to-stop-worrying-money-edelman/>
<https://www.aol.com/heres-much-money-americans-think-130017383.html>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. experts conducted a | a. are wealthy |
| 2. six in | b. of \$200,000 |
| 3. stop worrying | c. ten people |
| 4. Around 50 per cent | d. secure |
| 5. an annual salary | e. about money |
| 6. Americans think they | f. millionaires |
| 7. a third of | g. survey on money |
| 8. financially | h. of the people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. answered questions | a. situation |
| 2. people thought they | b. who are affluent |
| 3. even those | c. success |
| 4. feeling very | d. lifestyle |
| 5. their financial | e. about money |
| 6. a \$100,000 | f. confident |
| 7. a stable | g. salary |
| 8. It no longer means financial | h. were "rich" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ happiness? U.S. financial planning experts (2) _____ on money. They found that six in ten people needed over \$100,000 a (3) _____ worrying about money. Around 50 per cent of the people said they needed (4) _____ of \$200,000 to feel happy. The experts' report stated that 12 per cent of Americans think (5) _____. It also reported that a third of millionaires (6) _____ financially secure.

(7) _____ adults answered questions (8) _____. Half of the people thought they were "rich". They had between \$500,000 (9) _____. The experts said: "Many Americans, even those (10) _____, aren't feeling very confident about (11) _____." They added that a \$100,000 salary today simply means a stable lifestyle. It no longer means financial (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MONEY WORRIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240926-money-worries-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about money worries 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) _____

