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**Level 2 – 26th September 2024**

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

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# THE READING

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The saying, "Money can't buy happiness" may be true. The U.S. financial planning experts Edelman Financial Engines conducted a survey on money. They found that almost 6 in 10 people said they needed more than \$100,000 a year to stop worrying about money. Around 50 per cent of the people in the survey said they needed an annual salary of \$200,000 to feel happy and safe. The report stated that only 12 per cent of Americans think they are wealthy. It also reported that just 33 per cent of millionaires in the USA said they felt financially secure.

The report is called "Everyday Wealth in America". More than 3,000 adults answered questions about money worries. Half of the people said they were "rich". They had wealth between \$500,000 and \$3 million. An Edelman spokesperson said: "Many Americans, even those who are affluent, aren't feeling very confident about their financial situation." She added: "It was a dream to say you could make \$100,000". However, such a salary today simply means a stable lifestyle. A salary of \$100,000 is no longer a sign of financial success and 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/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Money can't           | a. salary        |
| 2. financial planning    | b. in ten people |
| 3. conducted a survey    | c. secure        |
| 4. almost six            | d. experts       |
| 5. stop worrying         | e. and safe      |
| 6. they needed an annual | f. on money      |
| 7. feel happy            | g. about money   |
| 8. they felt financially | h. buy happiness |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 3,000 adults answered   | a. financial situation |
| 2. Half of the people said | b. longer a sign       |
| 3. even those who          | c. they were rich      |
| 4. confident about their   | d. success             |
| 5. you could make          | e. questions           |
| 6. a stable                | f. \$100,000           |
| 7. \$100,000 is no         | g. lifestyle           |
| 8. financial               | h. are affluent        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ "Everyday Wealth in America". More than 3,000 adults answered questions (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Half of the people said they were "rich". They had wealth between \$500,000 and \$3 million. An Edelman spokesperson said: "Many Americans, even those (9) \_\_\_\_\_, aren't feeling (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their financial situation." She added: "It was a dream to say you could make \$100,000". However, such a salary today (11) \_\_\_\_\_ stable lifestyle. A salary of \$100,000 is no (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of financial success and happiness.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MONEY WORRIES SURVEY

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2409/240926-money-worries-2.html>

Write about **money worries** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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