

“Money can’t buy happiness” is that really true?

1. Warm up - problem questions:

Have you ever won the lottery?

Do you know someone who has won?

What would you do if you won the lottery?

2. Vocabulary review: eliciting the meaning of unknown words from the context

- 1) ...a lot of us spend a lot of our time thinking about, either trying **to earn them** or trying **to increase them**.

to earn money –

to increase money –

- 2) This article's about how their lives **get ruined**.

get ruined –

- 3) What happens when people win the lottery is, one, they spend all the money and **go into debt**;

to go into debt –

- 4) ...and two, all of their friends and everyone they've ever met find them and **bug them for money**.

to bug for money –

- 5) let's make some people give money away, and **measure** their happiness and see if, in fact, they get happier

to measure -

- 6) One of the **envelopes** had things in it that said, "By 5pm today, spend this money on yourself."

an envelope -

- 7) So if you give **undergraduates** five dollars, it looks like coffee to them, and they run over to **Starbucks** and spend it as fast as they can.

undergraduates -

- 8) So the very same **purchase**, just **targeted** toward yourself or **targeted** toward somebody else.

purchase -

target -

- 9) This is a real medical need, **literally a lifesaving donation**.

Literally lifesaving donation –

10) You can do small, **trivial** things and still get the **benefits** from doing this.

smalltrivialthings –

benefit -

3. Now, let's watch the video and find the answers to the questions:

Part 1.

- 1) What was the article published by CNN about?
- 2) What were the comments on the article? What were the suggestions?
- 3) What was the main idea of the article?

Part 2.

- 4) What kind of experiment did they run in Vancouver College?
- 5) What did people spend their money on?
- 6) What were the results of the experiment?

Part 3.

- 7) Why did they run a very similar experiment in Uganda?
- 8) What kind of experiment did they make in Uganda?
- 9) What was the extraordinary difference that they understood from the experiment?

Part 4.

- 10) What questions did Gallup Organization ask people all around the world?
- 11) What did the green and red colours on the world map made by Gallup Organization mean?
- 12) What conclusion did the speaker make at the end of the speech?

4. Now I would like you to work in groups of four and to make up a short speech of 3-4 sentences

on the topics:

- Have you or your family ever donated money? what for? how did you feel?
- Are there any other ways to make other people happy? share your own experience.