

Lottery millionaires each fund six jobs a year

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1 Warmer

- Have you ever won anything in a lottery or a competition?
- How much is one million British pounds in your currency?

2 Find the information

- Write five things that you think people who win more than £1 million probably buy.
- Look in the article and see if your answers are there.

3 Key words

Write the key words from the article next to the definitions below. Then find the words in the article to read them in context. The paragraph numbers have been given to help you.

economy

estimate

jackpot

lottery

straight away

voluntary

- a game that makes money by selling tickets that people buy hoping that they win a money prize
_____ (title)
- a large amount of money that someone wins in a game involving money _____
(para 1)
- immediately _____ (para 3)
- done for no pay _____ (para 3)
- the whole of a country's business, industry, and trade, and the money that they produce
_____ (para 3)
- to say what you think an amount will be, either by guessing or by using information to calculate it
_____ (para 3)

caravan

debt

investments

mortgage

overseas

property

- houses and flats _____ (para 4)
- an amount of money that you owe _____ (para 4)
- a legal agreement in which you borrow money from a bank in order to buy a house. You pay back this money back in smaller amounts every month _____ (para 4)
- money used in a way that may earn you more money, for example money used for buying property or shares in a company _____ (para 5)
- a country across the sea; abroad _____ (para 10)
- a vehicle that people can live and travel in on holiday. They are usually pulled by a car
_____ (para 10)

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- 1 All six numbers match, so now you can buy that Audi, book the holiday in the US and look for a new house. That's what most lottery millionaires do, says a study of what jackpot winners do with their money.
- 2 Since it started in 1994, the UK national lottery has created 3,000 millionaires. The 3,000 winners have won an average of £2.8 million each. That's more than £8.5 billion in total. Together, they have created 3,780 more millionaires among their children, family and friends, according to the writers of the study, Oxford Economics.
- 3 Most winners (59%) give up work straight away, but 19% carry on working and 31% do unpaid voluntary work. The good news for the British economy is that 98% of the money that the winners spent stayed in the UK. Through their spending on property, vehicles and holidays, it is estimated that each winner keeps six people in a full-time job for a year.
- 4 Winners have contributed almost £750 million to the economy. Most of their money was spent on property, with £2.72 billion spent on winners' main properties, and £170 million in paying off existing debt and mortgages.
- 5 £2.125 billion was spent on investments. £1.17 billion was given to family and friends, and £680 million was spent on cars and holidays.
- 6 It found that in total the 3,000 winners have bought 7,958 houses or flats in the UK, or 2.7 each, spending £3.3 billion. Most winners (82%) bought a new house, spending an average £900,000.
- 7 The new home is likely to have a hot tub, with almost a third (29%) putting that on their shopping list. 28% bought a walk-in wardrobe, almost a quarter (24%) bought a property behind electric gates, and 22% had a games room, with 7% installing a snooker table.
- 8 30% of winners employed a cleaner and 24% a gardener for their new houses. A small proportion (5%) employed a beautician.
- 9 Audis were the favourite cars of 16% of winners, with Range Rovers and BMWs also popular (11% each), as well as Mercedes (10%) and Land Rovers (5%). Winners spent £463 million on 17,190 cars.
- 10 Holidays were also important. Most (68%) choose five-star hotels overseas. The US was the preferred destination for 27%, followed by the Caribbean (9%). Over the past 18 years, 10% of millionaires have bought a caravan.
- 11 Some winners (15%) have started their own businesses, 9% have helped others to start a business, and 6% have invested in or bought other people's businesses. Businesses started or supported by lottery winners employ 3,195 people, according to the study.

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4 Comprehension check

Are these sentences true (T) or false (F) according to the article? Correct any that are false.

1. The UK national lottery began in 1996.
2. Lottery winners keep, on average, six other people in full-time jobs.
3. Most winners buy cars and houses.
4. The favourite car of lottery winners is a Mercedes.
5. 5,000 people have won more than one million British pounds on the UK national lottery.
6. Many winners employ gardeners and cleaners to work in their new houses.
7. The families and friends of lottery millionaires usually get nothing.
8. Many lottery millionaires take their caravans to the Caribbean.

5 Numbers and figures

- a. How do you pronounce *percentage*? Underline the stressed syllable.
- b. How do you say £?
- c. How many zeros are there in a billion?
- d. Say these numbers and figures from the article.

£2.72 billion

£900,000

98%

6 Discussion

- **You**
What would you do if you won £1m in the lottery?
- **The group**
Your class bought a ticket and won £1m in the lottery. Decide what you will do with the money. Make suggestions and vote on them.

7 Webquest

Find the song 'Who wants to be a millionaire?' on the internet, sung by Celeste Holm and Frank Sinatra.

- Which film does it originally come from?
- Who wrote it?
- Watch the video, listen to the song, find the lyrics and sing along (if you want to).

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Teacher's note: Make a note of the current exchange rates between your students' currency/currencies and the British pound (GBP) before you go to class (or know where to access them while in class).

2 Find the information

b.
popular purchases: cars, caravans, holidays, gifts to friends and family, property (behind electric gates, with a hot tub, walk-in wardrobe, games room), businesses, investments

3 Key words

1. lottery
2. jackpot
3. straight away
4. voluntary
5. economy
6. estimate
7. property
8. debt
9. mortgage
10. investments
11. overseas
12. caravan

4 Comprehension check

1. F – The UK national lottery began in 1994.
2. T
3. T
4. F – The favourite car of lottery winners is an Audi.
5. F – 3,000 people have won more than one million British pounds on the lottery.
6. T
7. F – The families and friends of lottery millionaires usually get gifts. Some have even become millionaires themselves.
8. F – Many lottery millionaires buy caravans, and/or go on holiday in the Caribbean.

5 Numbers and figures

- a. /pə'sentɪdʒ/
- b. pound /paʊnd/
- c. nine
- d. two point seven two billion pounds; nine-hundred thousand pounds; ninety-eight per cent

Teacher's note: When you are sure that the students are able to say the numbers and figures correctly, ask them to practise saying the others from the text. They could do this in pairs: one reading out numbers and figures from the article, the other writing them down (then swapping roles).