

## Unit 4, Chapter 2 (Pages 72-78): Lottery Winners...Rich but Happy?

Please before reading the text ((Unit 4, Chapter 2)), read this summary (outline) first to get a grasp of what the text is about.

## Outline of ideas of the text: Lottery Winners...Rich but Happy?

Main Idea: Lots people win big lotteries every now and then, but not all of them face a bright future!
-- When people get affluent overnight, they are going to need counselors helping them how to invest or spend their money.
-- Some lottery winners are sensible and know how to mange their money! But some others ain't wise and face unforeseen difficulties. Here we read about some of them.
-- Mr. Carroll: He won 10 million pounds when he was only 19 in England! He was a garbage collector who got rich overnight. He started to spend his money recklessly and soon lost all of it. He was even jailed for violent behavior. Finally, he lost all his money and became a garbage collector again! $)^{\circ}$
-- Billy and Jeff Wilson (father and son) won 29 million dollars in 2009 in the US. They tried their best to manage their money carefully with the help of counselors. They say that we are rich but we can see that a lot of rich people have serious problems and are not happy. But in general, they are happy and this money helped them in a positive way. ©
-- Conclusion: If you ever win a lottery, try to listen to these suggestions:

1. Get a financial counseling
2. First, pay all your debts!
3. Invest your money
4. Keep your current job for the time being

Difficult words of the text with their definitions.

| Lottery | A means of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving |
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| prizes to the holders of numbers drawn at random. |  |
| Suddenly | Quickly; Swiftly; Abruptly |
| To purchase | To buy |
| Financial | Fiscal; Related to money |
| According to | Based on; With reference to |
| Affluent | Requiring care and skill because difficult or awkward |
| Tricky | To hire people so that they work for you in your company or shop |
| To employ | Logical; Reasonable |
| Sensible | Logically; Reasonably |
| Wisely | Not predicted |
| Unforeseen | Trash; Worthless materials |
| Garbage | To prevent; To stop sth from happening |
| To ban | To make say |
| To upset | What you have |
| Possession | To arrang lots of money carelessly |
| Miserable | Toravagant |
| To arrang | Wretchedly unhappy or uncomfortable by friends |


| Resignation | An act of resigning from a job or office |
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| To invest | To put money in some business to earn more |

## After reading the text carefully (also listen to the audio), do these exercises!

A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.
1 The word lucky (line 5) is in quotation marks because lottery winners
a depend on skill and not luck to win
b may encounter problems with their money
c will soon lose all their money
2 What do lottery counselors do?
a They organize and run the lottery.
b They help lottery winners make financial investments.
c They help lottery winners cope with their sudden wealth.
3 The word fortunes in line 15 does NOT mean $\qquad$ -.
a luck
b money
c outcome
4 According to the passage, what should lottery winners do?
a Quit their jobs soon after winning.
b Pay their credit card bills.
c Invest all their lottery winnings.
5 What could be another title for the passage?
a The Biggest Lottery Winners
b Winning the Lottery: What Happens Next?
c How to Hit the Jackpot

B Read the following sentences. Check $(\Omega)$ whether they apply to Michael Carroll (C) and/or the Wilsons (W).

| The lottery winner(s) ... | C | W |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ stopped working. |  |  |
| 2 moved to a new place. |  |  |
| 3 got into trouble with the police. |  |  |
| 4 had to borrow money eventually. |  |  |
| 5 is/are still living on the prize money. |  |  |

## Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

