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Vocabulary: Money 词汇: 金钱

Do you usually **go dutch** when you take someone out to dinner? Do you expect your **date** to pay for the whole meal?

Many people say that as long as there's love, money doesn't matter much. But this might change when the relationship gets serious and it can involve **mortgages**, **joint current accounts** and **debt**.

A survey in the UK suggested that 44% of married couples don't know exactly what their **spouse** earns. The research, conducted by a UK **credit report service** also found that an **astonishing** 1.9 million married couples actively try to keep their finances secret from their partners.

British **relationship therapist** Arabella Russell says: "It's very difficult to talk about money. Often there's guilt, there's shame. To start those conversations is complicated. Money can be about how we value ourselves, how we feel valued. It's not just a simple case of talking about **hard cash**."

So if you are in a couple, it might be a good idea to check if you both **are on the same page** about money before **bills** pile up on the kitchen table and love flies out of the window. When moving in together, couples should not only talk about their personal habits but also about their financial ones.

Arabella Russell has a word of advice: "Accept the fact that in your relationship you might do money differently – there might be a **spender** there might be a **saver**. It's very tempting if your partner does things differently to say they're wrong. Do it differently but have a **budget**."

And now, back to that date... Would you be **put off** by someone who was attractive but expected you to pay the bill by yourself? There's **food for thought**...



Would you feel less attracted to someone in debt?

词汇表

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| to go dutch | AA 制 |
| date (noun) | 约会对象 |
| mortgage | 房屋抵押贷款 |
| joint current account | 两人共有的现金银行账户 |
| debt | 债务 |
| spouse | 配偶 |
| credit report service | 信用报告服务 |
| astonishing | 另人吃惊的 |
| relationship therapist | 情感咨询专家 |
| hard cash | 现金 |
| to be on the same page | 意见统一 |
| bill | (煤气水电服务等) 账单 |
| spender | 爱花钱的人 |
| saver | 省钱的人 |
| budget | 预算 |
| put off | 使反感 |
| food for thought | 引人思考的问题 |

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. How many people are very careful not to let their husband or wife know how much money they make?
2. True or false? *Some people feel ashamed when they have to tell their partner they don't earn much money.*
3. What should couples do before they decide to live in the same house?
4. According to relationship therapist Arabella Russell, what should people do – no matter if they are savers or spenders?
5. What does the author mean by the expression 'food for thought'?

2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Let's get a bank loan to buy a house. That bank offers good deals for a _____.

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| joint current account | mortgage | debt | hard cash |
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2. I bought a leather jacket, a pair of jeans and a very expensive watch to go with my diamond ring. What can I do, I'm _____!

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| a big spender | a big saver | a spouse | Dutch |
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3. John, a lawyer, is my _____ tonight. He is very attractive and we might end up getting married!

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| date | relationship therapist | saver | spouse |
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4. Do you understand my explanation? Great! It's good to know we are _____.

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| food for thought | differently | on the same page | put off |
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5. I'm very careful with money. I don't want to get into _____.

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| hard cash | debt | shame | a budget |
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答案

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1. How many people are very careful not to let their husband or wife know how much money they make?

According to a UK survey, 1.9 million married couples.

2. True or false? *Some people feel ashamed when they have to tell their partner they don't earn much money.*

True. British relationship therapist Arabella Russell says this is one of the reasons some couples avoid talking about money.

3. What should couples do before they decide to live in the same house?

They should discuss the way they deal with financial matters because one of them might be a saver and the other might be a spender.

4. According to relationship therapist Arabella Russell, what should people do – no matter if they are savers or spenders?

They should make a budget.

5. What does the author mean by the expression 'food for thought'?

He means the reader has a lot to think about when considering if they would start a relationship with someone who expects them to pay for everything.

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1. Let's get a bank loan to buy a house. That bank offers good deals for a **mortgage**.

2. I bought a leather jacket, a pair of jeans and a very expensive watch to go with my diamond ring. What can I do, I'm a **big spender**!

3. John, a lawyer, is my **date** tonight. He is very attractive and we might end up getting married!

4. Do you understand my explanation? Great! It's good to know we are **on the same page**.

5. I'm very careful with money. I don't want to get into **debt**.