



Work in groups of three or four and discuss the following issues.

Please don't forget to use opinion words and expressions while working in groups:

- *I (personally) feel,*
- *I (strongly) believe,*
- *I reckon,*
- *I guess,*
- *As far as I concerned*
- *From my point of view, etc*

1. What are your life ambitions? Your aspirations?
2. How does your life compare to the life of your parents and grandparent? Do you think your life is easier or more difficult than it used to be 50-60 years ago?
3. What do you have that your parents or grandparents didn't?
4. Think about your possessions (things that belong to you). How many of these things do you really need and how many do you appreciate?
5. If you have to flee your house and have only a couple of moments to collect your belongings, which ones will you definitely take and to which ones will you say good bye without too much regret?
6. Can you define the difference between the need and the want? Do you confuse them at times?
7. To what extent does the society (social group) you are a part of value material belongings?
8. Some people believe that we judge others by the wealth and possessions they accumulated. Do you think it is true? How much value do you personally put on personal wealth and its physical evidence?



Vocabulary study

Do you understand the meaning of the following words and phrases? Think about the situation when you would use each of them?

- *Diamonds are a girl's best friend*
- *She married money*
- *We live in a greedy society*
- *She blows the money on things she doesn't need*
- *Shopping therapy*
- *Shop till you drop*
- *Window shopping*
- *Shopping around*



This is a picture of an old-fashioned cash register.

To open it you need to turn the handle.

When the phone rings, it 'says' ring-ring.
When the bell rings, it 'says' ding-ding.

What is the sound of the opening cash register?

How does this sound make you feel?



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<http://www.urbandictionary.com>

Shania Twain, Ka-Ching

Before listening to the song, fill the gaps with the words you consider appropriate. Then listen and check your guesses against the lyrics.

We live in a greedy little _____
That teaches every little _____ and girl
To earn as much as they can possibly
Then turn around and _____ it all
We've created us a credit card mess
We spend the money we don't _____
Our religion is to go and _____ it all
So it's shoppin' every Sunday at the

All we ever want is more
A lot more than we had before
So take me to the nearest _____

Can you hear it ring
It makes you wanna sing
It's such a beautiful _____
--Ka-ching!
Lots of diamond rings
The happiness it _____
You'll live like a _____
With lots of money and things

When you're broke, go and get a loan
Take out another mortgage on your

Consolidate so you can afford
To go and spend some more when you get

All we ever want is more
A lot more than we had before
So take me to the nearest _____

Can you hear it ring
It makes you wanna sing
It's such a beautiful _____
--Ka-ching!
Lots of diamond rings
The happiness it _____
You'll live like a _____
With lots of money and things

Let's swing
Dig deeper in your pocket
Oh, yeah, ha
Come on I know you've got it
Dig deeper in your wallet
Oh

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