

## Culture and People.- Money slang.

Read the text and listen to the recording.



**Dosh, dough, wedge...** there are more slang words for money than for anything else. In the UK there are villages named Penny Bridge (Cumbria), Shillingford (Devon and Oxfordshire), and Pound Bank (Worcestershire). The most common slang term in Britain these days for a pound is **quid**. A pound may also be referred to as a **nicker**.



In the United States, there are many commonly used slang terms for money. Perhaps the most common is the term **buck** as a reference for the dollar. **Cold hard cash** is another of the slang terms for money, which simply means cash in hand but doesn't distinguish an amount. Other terms that we can use to talk about dollars, without indicating specific amounts are **clams**, **smackers**, and **greenbacks** (because of the colour of paper dollars).

The phrase **dead presidents** refers to different denominations of bills since pictures of past presidents appear on the face of many of them. Not all bills feature a US president, however. The \$100 USD bill, for example, features Benjamin Franklin. This particular bill has developed its own slang term which specifically describes hundred dollar bills: **Benjamins**.

Other slang terms for money include **C-note** or simply **C**, which also indicates a \$100 USD bill. Another letter used in reference to a specific monetary denomination is **K**. If someone says, "I paid 5K," it means he or she paid \$5,000 USD. **Grand** is another common slang term for money, and means \$1,000 USD.

A \$5 USD bill is sometimes called a **fiver** or a **fin**. A \$10 USD bill can be referred to as a **sawbuck**. Fives and tens are at times also called **nickels** and **dimes**, which leads to other slang terms for money, such as "Don't nickel and dime me." This phrase indicates that a person wants to be paid in full rather than a little at a time.

There are even slang terms for money that are used to describe US coins. **Two bits** equals 25 cents or one quarter. A quarter is a coin that represents one fourth of a dollar.

Text adapted from [http://www.fun-with-words.com/money\\_words.html](http://www.fun-with-words.com/money_words.html) and <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-are-some-slang-terms-for-money-in-the-united-states.htm>.



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### You should know

Take the following quiz to test what you have learned.

[Money quiz](#)

### A step ahead

If you want to learn more about money slang, check out the following website.

[Money vocabulary](#)

## 1.- Hen and stag parties.

### Think about it

On average, how much money does a guest spend to go to a friend's wedding in the UK?

- a. £120
- b. £240
- c. £380



Do you know what a stag or hen party is? A stag or hen party, also known as a [bachelor](#) or [bachelorette](#) party, is a party held for a man or a woman shortly before he or she enters marriage. A stag (for a man) or hen (for a woman) party is usually planned by the best friend of the bride (the woman who's getting married) or the groom (the man who's getting married), occasionally, with the assistance of a bachelor party planning company.

Usually weddings are expensive for the bride and the groom, but they can be expensive for guests too, for example, for the hen party or the stag party.

Adapted from [http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/2010/07/100722\\_6min\\_wedding\\_page.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/2010/07/100722_6min_wedding_page.shtml) and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bachelor\\_party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bachelor_party)

### You should know

If you want to find out more about hen and stag parties, listen to the following radio programme and then read the script.

[Hen and stag parties: Programme.](#)

[Hen and stag parties: Script.](#) (33 KB)

### Think about it

Discuss in the forum:

- ✔ Have you ever been invited to a hen or a stag party?
- ✔ What did you do?
- ✔ Did you have a good time?
- ✔ On average, how much money do you think people spend to go to a friend's wedding in your country?

## 2.- If I was a rich girl.

### Quotation

"No man could test me, impress me, my cash flow would never ever end.  
Cause I'd have all the money in the world, if I was a wealthy girl"

*Gwen Stefany.*

There are many songs about money. How many can you remember?



### Now it's your turn

Read the lyrics and try to match them with their titles and singers.

#### Matching exercise.

Lyrics	Match	Artist / Song
I've got the brains, you've got the looks <b>make lots of money.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Madonna / Material Girl.
I don't care too much for money Money can't buy me love.	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Pet Shop Boys / Opportunities.
'Cause the boy with the cold hard <b>cash</b> Is always Mister Right	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Shania Twain / Ka-ching.
When you are <b>broke</b> go and get a <b>loan</b> Take another <b>mortgage</b> on your home consolidate so you can <b>afford</b> to go and <b>spend</b> some more when you get bored.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Simply Red / Money's too tight to mention.
Your lovin' gives me such a thrill But your lovin' can't pay my <b>bills</b> I need money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. The Beatles / Can't Buy me Love.
I've been <b>laid off</b> from work my rent is <b>due</b> My kids all need brand new shoes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. The Beatles / Money (That's What I want).

Submit



### Now it's your turn

Now, match the words in bold from the previous exercise with the definitions:

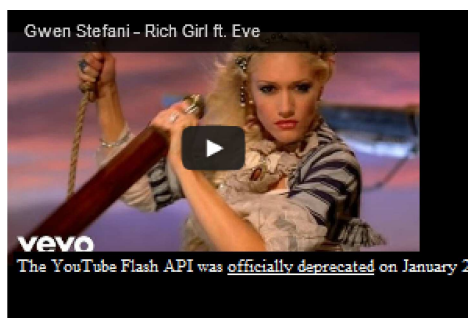
#### Matching exercise.

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Written list showing how much you owe for goods or services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	01. Afford.
Money in the form of bank notes or coins.	<input type="checkbox"/>	02. Bill.
Earn or get a lot of money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	03. Broke.
Money that a person or a bank lends you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	04. Cash.
Have no money.	<input type="checkbox"/>	05. Due.
To have enough money to buy something.	<input type="checkbox"/>	06. Laid off.
The money a bank lends you to buy a house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	07. Loan.
Use money to pay to pay for things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	08. Make lots of money.
Something is owed to someone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	09. Mortgage.
Your employers have told you to leave your job.	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Spend.

## A step ahead

Now watch the video of the song "If I was a rich girl" and read the lyrics. Let's see if you can identify some examples of third conditional sentences. Good luck!






[Text summary](#)

[If I was a rich girl: Lyrics.](#)

## Appendix.- License of resources.

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