



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Discussion

Work in pairs or small groups and discuss the questions below.

- Today's article is about a man who spent \$17.5 million on a party.
 - What kind of party do you think it was?
 - What do you think he bought for the party?
- The man in today's article is Britain's second richest man and has about \$6.5 billion.
 - What kind of car do you think he drives?
 - What kind of watch do you think he wears?

Now share your ideas with your classmates.

B: Matching

The following words are in today's article. Match the words to their picture.

fortune **concert** **luxury liner** **generosity**



C: Prediction

Look at the information given in **Pre-Reading Activity A** and the words in **Pre-Reading Activity B**. What do you think today's article is about? Tell your partner.

Reading Activities

A: Questions

Find the answers to the following questions in the article as quickly as you can. **Do not** use your dictionary.

- What did Hans Rausing spend \$17.5 million on?
- What kind of car does Rausing drive?
- What kind of watch does Rausing wear?

Millions Spent On Party

(1) LONDON Thurs May 23 (Reuters) - Hans Rausing, Britain's second richest man, spent \$17.5 million on a party for 600 guests on a luxury liner, newspapers reported on Thursday.

(2) The food packaging heir is worth an estimated \$6.5 billion. Rausing is known for being very careful with his money, but he **treated** his guests to a week of luxury living and **exclusive entertainment**, including a concert on Tuesday by British pop singer Elton John.

(3) The Independent newspaper said it didn't know the rea-

son for the **extravagant** party. The 76-year-old's birthday is in March. The newspaper said that Rausing was not previously known for his **generosity**. It said that he drove a modest Morris Minor car, wore a cheap Timex watch and claimed old age pensioner rates to buy tickets.

(4) Rausing sold his stake in Sweden-based Tetra-Pak to his brother seven years ago. His fortune is second only in Britain to that of the Duke of Westminster, whose real estate **portfolio** is worth an estimated \$6.8 billion.

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Glossary: **treated** - to arrange something special for others **exclusive** - expensive and not commonly used by most people **entertainment** - things that help people enjoy themselves and have a good time, such as music, dance, and theater **extravagant** - when somebody spends more money than is necessary **portfolio** - the different types of shares and investments owned by a person (money that you give to a business or bank so that you can get more money back)

B: Vocabulary

Find words in today's article that match the meanings below.

1. the packages that are used to contain food (*Paragraph 2*)
2. a person who receives money or goods when someone dies (*Paragraph 2*)
3. something happened or came before (*Paragraph 3*)
4. not expensive (*Paragraph 3*)

C: True or False

Read the following statements. Write **T** if you think a statement is true or **F** if you think it is false, according to the article.

1. Hans Rausing is the richest man in Britain.
2. Hans Rausing is usually very careful with his money.
3. Hans Rausing works for his brother.
4. Hans Rausing is 76 years old.
5. Hans Rausing had 700 guests at his party.
6. Elton John gave a concert at his party.
7. Hans Rausing had a party because it was his birthday.

D: Language

In today's article there were these words:

*"Hans Rausing **spent** \$17.5 million **on** a party for 600 guests on a luxury liner..."*

We use the pattern: *to spend money on something.*

This tells us who **spent** the money (Hans Rausing); **how much** money he / she spent (\$17.5 million); and what the money was spent **on** (a party for 600 guests on a luxury liner).

There were also these words:

*"Rausing **sold** his stake in Sweden-based Tetra-Pak **to** his brother..."*

We use the pattern: *to sell something to someone.*

This tells us **who** sold the thing (Rausing); **what** the thing was (he owned a part of a company, Tetra-Pak and sold this); and **who** bought the thing (his brother).

Look at the sentences below and answer the questions. Numbers 1 and 2 have been done for you as examples.

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| 1. <i>Mark spent \$50,000 on a new car.</i>
What was the money spent on? <i>a new car</i>
Who spent the money? <i>Mark</i>
How much money did he spend? <i>\$50,000</i> | 4. <i>Karen sold her car to Pete.</i>
What was sold?
Who sold it?
Who bought it? |
| 2. <i>Shay sold his toys to his brother.</i>
What was sold? <i>toys</i>
Who sold them? <i>Shay</i>
Who bought them? <i>Shay's brother</i> | 5. <i>Gabrielle's parents spent \$10,000 on her wedding.</i>
What was the money spent on?
Who spent the money?
How much money did they spend? |
| 3. <i>Christine spent \$20 on a new Elton John CD.</i>
What was the money spent on?
Who spent the money?
How much money did she spend? | 6. <i>Douglas sold his television to his friends Kate and Pete.</i>
What was sold?
Who sold it?
Who bought it? |

Look at the prompts below and write sentences using the pattern;

sold something **to** someone **or spent** some money **on** something.

Number 7 and 8 have been done for you as an example.

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| 7. Asha / camera / Michelle
<i>Asha sold her camera to Michelle.</i>
_____ | 10. Bob / \$3,000 / painting
_____ |
| 8. Terry / \$500 / Play Station 2.
<i>Terry spent \$500 on a Play Station 2.</i>
_____ | 11. Harry / television / Andrea
_____ |
| 9. Ron / desk / Troy
_____ | 12. Joan / \$200 / tennis racket
_____ |

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Discussion

In pairs or small groups discuss the questions below.

1. What kind of entertainment do you like?
2. What kind of concerts do you like?
3. Have you ever been extravagant? What did you do?
4. Would you like to live a life of luxury? Why or why not?
5. How do you feel about Rausing spending so much money on his friends?

B: Crossword

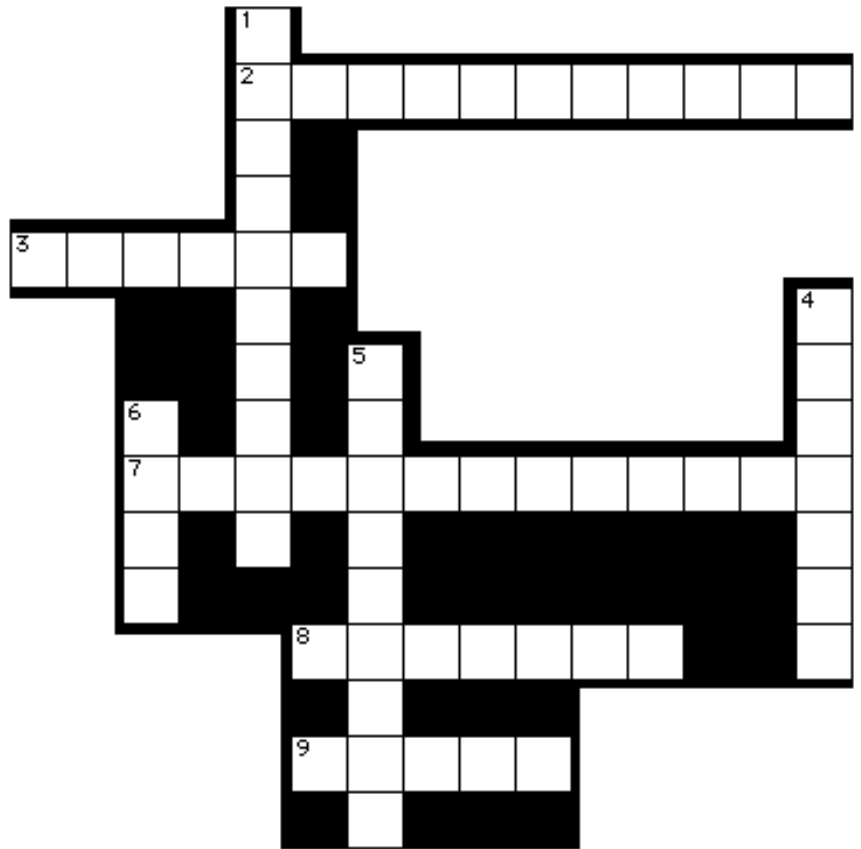
All of the words in this crossword can be found in today's article. Read the clues and complete the crossword.

Clues Across

2. when somebody spends more money than is necessary
3. great comfort in beautiful and expensive surroundings
7. things that give people pleasure such as music, dance, and theater
8. a musical performance
9. a large ship

Clues Down

1. when somebody gives others gifts, time, or kindness freely
4. a very large amount of money
5. the different types of shares and investments an investor has
6. somebody who inherits something from his or her family



C: Writing

You are having a party soon. Write a party invitation that you can send to your friends. You can spend as much as you like! In your party invitation be sure to include the following information;

- *when the party is*
- *where the party is*
- *the kind of entertainment that will be at the party.*

You can include more information too. Use your imagination and have fun!

TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

B: Matching - Notes

When students are finished with this activity, ask them what the difference between a liner and a luxury liner is. You may want to write the following definition on the board: *luxury - great comfort in beautiful and expensive surroundings.*

B: Matching - Answers

- Picture 1: **luxury liner**
Picture 2: **concert**
Picture 3: **generosity**
Picture 4: **fortune**

C: Prediction - Notes

After the students have had a chance to think and talk among themselves, elicit ideas from them, but don't indicate whether they are right or wrong.

Reading Activities

A: Questions - Answers

- 600 guests on a luxury liner for a week and exclusive entertainment including a concert by Elton John.
- a modest Morris Minor car
- a cheap Timex watch

B: Vocabulary - Answers

- food packaging
- heir
- previously
- cheap / modest

C: True or False - Answers

- False** (The Duke of Westminster is the richest man in Britain.)
- True**
- False** (He sold his part in Tetra-Pak to his brother seven years ago.)
- True**
- False** (He had 600 guests at the party.)
- True**
- False** (The newspapers don't know why he had an extravagant party.)

D: Language - Answers

- a new car / Mark / \$50,000
- toys / Shay / Shay's brother
- a new Elton John CD / Christine / \$20
- Karen's car / Karen / Pete
- Gabrielle's wedding / Gabrielle's parents / \$10,000
- Douglas' television / Douglas / Kate and Pete
- Asha sold her camera to Michelle.
- Terry spent \$500 on a Play Station 2.
- Ron sold his desk to Troy.
- Bob spent \$3,000 on a painting.
- Harry sold his television to Andrea.
- Joan spent \$200 on a tennis racket.

Post-Reading Activities

B: Crossword - Answers

Across: 2. extravagant 3. luxury 7. entertainment 8. concert 9. liner
Down: 1. generosity 4. fortune 5. portfolio 6. heir

C: Writing - Notes

Tell students that they can be as extravagant as they like. Money is no object in this activity! What they write in the invitation is not limited to the information listed. The invitation can include other ideas, too, such as the type of food that will be served at the party or the type of dress required (e.g. casual, semiformal, tuxedo and evening gown, etc.).