

Talk a Lot

Money

Role Plays

1. "I'm rich beyond my wildest dreams!"

Place: The set of a live television chat show
Time: 4pm
Characters: You and the interviewer
Situation: You and your partner win £2.6 million on the lottery. You are interviewed three times during the year by the same interviewer

Scenes: i) You've just won the lottery. How do you feel? How do you think it will change your life? Talk about your home, relationships, work, etc.
ii) Six months later: you have either spent or given away more than half of the money. How has your life changed? What did you buy? Who did you give money to? Why? Are you still working? What are your plans now?
iii) One year later. You have either spent, given away, or otherwise lost all of the money. In fact, you're now £250,000 in debt! What happened? What is your life like today? How do you see your future?

If there are three people in the group, the third character could be:

- a) *Your partner – your wife/husband, boyfriend/girlfriend, etc.*
- b) *Somebody who has borrowed a lot of money from you*
- c) *Your accountant, called Dave*

2. "I must have it back today!"

Place: A park
Time: 10am
Characters: You and your cousin
Situation: Your cousin borrowed £20 from you two weeks ago to buy credit for their phone. You need it back now because you have to pay for a school trip today. You don't know that your cousin didn't buy credit, but was forced to lend the money to your sister. She needed it to buy a surprise birthday cake for your birthday, which is tomorrow. She made your cousin swear to keep the cake a secret...

Scenes: i) Two weeks ago: your cousin asks to borrow the money, and you agree
ii) Today: you need the money back
iii) At your birthday party. You find out about the surprise birthday cake

If there are three people in the group, the third character could be:

- a) *Your sister*
- b) *Somebody working at the bakery*
- c) *An embarrassing relative at your birthday party*

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Role Play Extensions

Here are some additional situations for students to use as starting points for new role plays based on the topic of "Money":

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1. At the bank: you realise that the cashpoint is giving out free money – an extra £50 every time you withdraw ten pounds! What do you do? Do you keep taking the money and tell your friends to come and join you, or do you find a clerk at the bank and inform them...?
2. You've got a job as a charity worker, standing in the street wearing a bright fluorescent jacket, trying to get passers-by to sign up for monthly direct debits to a big charity. You have to get ten more signatures before tea time. What tactics do you use to persuade people to sign up?

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