

# Teenagers and money

A survey asked 7,500 teenagers in the USA about their spending habits. Here are the results. Do any of them surprise you?

## How much money do they spend?

In the USA, a typical 16-year-old spends about \$52 a week, or about \$2,700 a year. They get most of that money (about 60%) from their parents. Many teenagers also work after school and at weekends to make more money, in jobs such as babysitting or delivering newspapers.

## How do they spend their money?

American teenagers spend a lot of money on snacks and other food when they go out with their friends. They also spend a lot on fashion. They meet their friends at the shopping mall and they buy clothes, shoes and accessories. Electronics, like phones and computer games, are very popular, too. American teenagers also spend some of their money on films, music, books and magazines.

typical American

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	Money spent	% of money spent
Food	\$570	21%
Clothes	\$540	20%
Electronics	\$405	15%
Accessories	\$270	10%
Shoes	\$216	8%
Films/Music	\$189	7%
Going out	\$160	6%
Reading	\$54	2%
Other things	\$296	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>100%</b>

**14** Read and say *True, False or I don't know*.

- 1 American teenagers don't spend much money on food.
- 2 They spend about 10% of their money on shoes.
- 3 A typical teenager spends \$270 on fashion accessories.
- 4 Some teenagers get money from their grandparents.
- 5 They don't spend very much money on books.

**15** Talk to your partner.

- 1 Do you spend money on snacks?
- 2 Do you buy any fashion accessories?
- 3 Do you often see films at the cinema?
- 4 Do you spend any money on music?
- 5 Do you often buy books or magazines?
- 6 Did any of the results of the survey surprise you?

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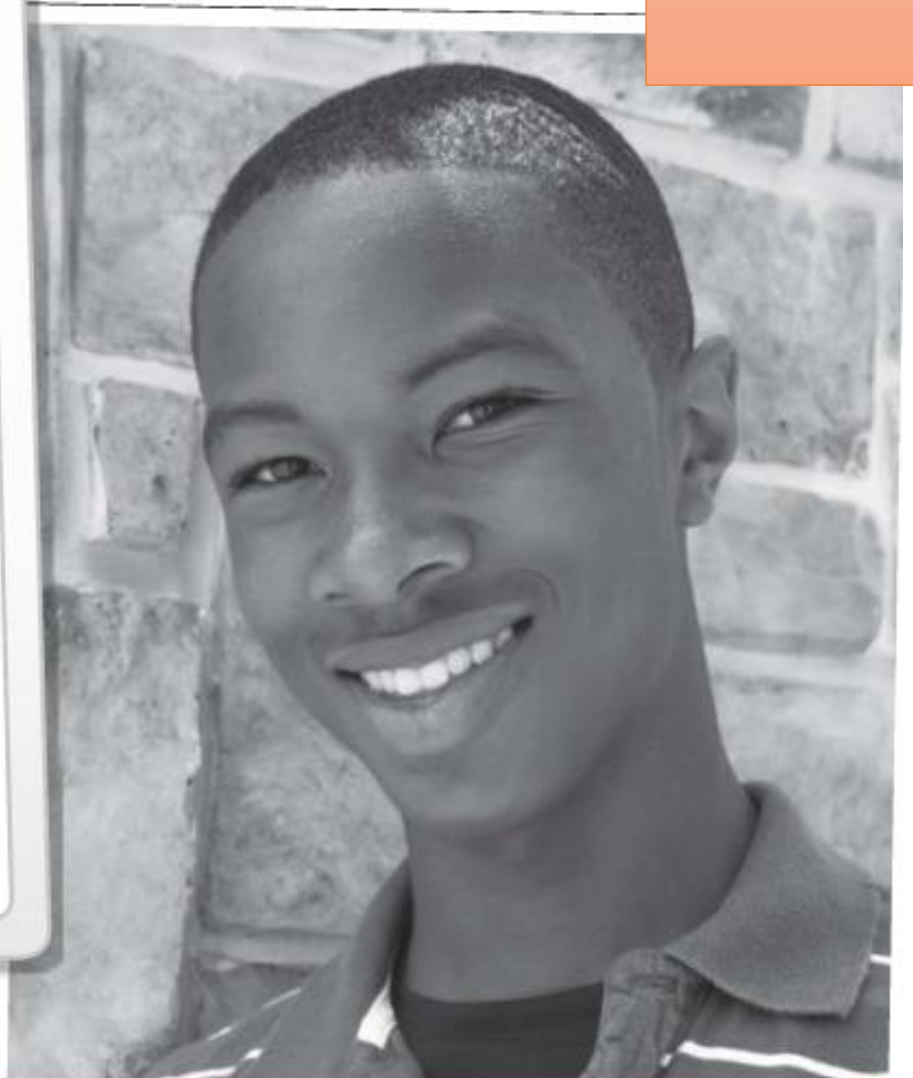


12 Read and write *True, False or I don't know*.

Hi, my name is Frank and I'm 16. I get \$25 a week from my mum. I also have a part-time job. Every Saturday, I work at my local store. I pack shopping bags and help customers. I earn \$50 a week. So, I get a total of \$75 a week.

I spend about \$20 a week on food and snacks. Also, I pay \$5 a week for my phone. I like going out with my friends too. I often spend money on taking the bus. I sometimes need to buy clothes too. But I don't spend too much because I'm trying to save some money for college. So I put \$20 a week in the bank.

1 US dollar =  
approximately 7 E£



- 1 Frank gets \$50 a week from his mother. False
  - 2 Frank works on Saturdays at the store. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 Frank's brother works at the same store as him. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 Frank spends \$5 a week on his phone. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Frank is saving money for a holiday. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 Frank saves \$25 every week. \_\_\_\_\_
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**13 Match.**

1 earn

2 spend

3 save

a keep money, maybe in a bank

b get money by doing a job

c pay out money

**14 Write about what you do with your money every week. Answer these questions.**

- Do you earn any money?
  - Do you save any money?
  - What do you spend money on?
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