

- 13 Listen and read. How much does a typical American teenager spend every year?

## 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?

- 5 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  
10 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  
15 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  
20 teenagers also spend some of their money on films, music, books and magazines.



	1 US dollar = 7.15 ££	
	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?

### TIP!

100 = one hundred  
296 = two hundred and ninety-six  
540 = five hundred and forty  
2,700 = two thousand seven hundred

### HOME-SCHOOL LINK

Make a list of the things that are more important and the things that are less important to spend your money on.

