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Talking about Money Transcript

Rich: What have you got there, Jack?

Jack: It's a special Arsenal medal.

Rich: Yeah?

Jack: They were made to celebrate Arsenal's centenary in 1972. To celebrate 100 years of Arsenal football club.

Rich: Let's have a look.

Jack: Here you are.

Rich: It's not much to look at, is it? It's just a coin (clank on desk). Do you collect this stuff ... football memorabilia?

Jack: Yeah. I love it. I've got loads. I picked this up at the market earlier today. Do you know Mick? He runs a stall with loads of football memorabilia.

Rich: Was it expensive? How much did you pay for it?

Jack: Only twenty pounds. I think I got a bargain.

Rich: You spent twenty quid on that little medal? A bargain? You've been ripped off mate!

Welcome - Money

Rich: Hello my name's Rich

Jack: and I'm Jack

Rich: and welcome to this week's Premier Skills English podcast

Jack: Where we talk about football and help you with your English.

Jack: What's happening this week, Rich?

Rich: In this week's podcast, we're talking about money. We're going to look at lots of words and phrases connected with buying and selling things...

Jack: And we're going to ask you to tell us about things that you have bought that were very expensive - perhaps that cost more than they should have.

Rich: and those things that you bought that were cheap or a bargain and cost less than you thought they were going to.

Jack: In the podcast and in the activities on this page, we are going to use lots of words and phrases connected to money.

Rich: When you have listened to the podcast and done the activities we hope you can answer the questions at the bottom of the page using some of the new vocabulary you have learnt.

Jack: That's right. We really want to hear from you to hear about the bargains and well... not bargains you've had. And the best way for you to remember any new vocabulary or language is to try and use it straight away.

Topic Focus

Rich: You bought that Arsenal medal in the market, in town.

Jack: That's right. I usually go there every week... on the lookout for a bargain or two.

Rich: That sounds about right. You're always looking for bargains.

Jack: Hmmm. Are you saying I'm mean?

Rich: No... you just like bargains, to... buy stuff that's cheap - I mean that costs less than its value - less than what it's worth. I think that's sensible. But, do you really think that medal is worth more than twenty pounds?

Jack: Yeah! Mick wanted £30 pounds for it last week so I think I've done well to get him down to £20.

Rich: You love all that haggling. I hate it. I always think that I'm going to get ripped off. I much prefer a fixed price like in the supermarket.

Jack: Now that's where you do get ripped off - you pay way too much when there are fixed prices. In a market, you can haggle - discuss and decide on a price. That way, you only buy when you are happy and the seller only sells when he or she is happy. When I was on holiday once, I bought a leather bag for my mum. I had to haggle hard for it. In the end, when we settled on the price, the shopkeeper told me "It's a bargain!" I wasn't so sure - I probably paid too much, but he said: "When you are happy with the price and I am happy with the price, it's a bargain!"

Rich: Yeah, I suppose when you say it like that, you're right. Actually, I think I will go to the market later myself.

Jack: Really?

Rich: Well, it's my cousin's birthday and he's a mad Liverpool fan.

Jack: Ah! So you're going to Mick's stall!

Rich: Yeah. My cousin collects old Liverpool shirts and scarves. You can't buy those in the supermarket.

Jack: You need to go and see Mick. He's got a great second-hand football stall. He's got loads of football memorabilia; football programmes, coins, medals and shirts and scarves.

Rich: Great! But I'm a bit worried about haggling about the price.

Jack: You will have to discuss the price a bit - you don't want to be ripped off!

Rich: Exactly. I want a bargain. Do you think you could help a little?

Jack: I tell you what. Let's practise. I'll be Mick - we can practise a little dialogue. Sounds good?

Rich: Sounds great.

Roleplay

Mick: Hello there. Are you looking for anything particular?

Rich: What's that noise?

Jack: It's market noise - to help you get into the right mood. Never mind it - just carry on.

Mick: Are you looking for anything particular?

Rich: Erm... just looking thanks.

Mick: We've got some real bargains today. Just let me know if I can help.

Rich: Er... what about this Liverpool shirt from 1984?

Mick: Ah... that's a great choice. Liverpool won the League and European Cup that season. Traditional Liverpool red, top quality and I think it's the last one too. You don't see many of them these days. A real collector's item.

Rich: How much is it?

Mick: For you, I've got a special price. Just £60. I'll even give you a free bag!

Rich: Great! I'll take it.

Topic Focus

Jack: That was awful, Rich. You've been totally ripped off. You paid the same as what you'd pay for this season's shirt!

Rich: Er... yeah, but Mick was... I mean you were very persuasive.

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Jack: You need to haggle. Say something like 'Oh, I'm not sure if I can afford that,' or 'that sounds a bit steep, what about twenty pounds?'

Rich: Right OK... Let's have another go.

Jack: OK, one more time.

Roleplay

Mick: Good afternoon. How can I help you?

Rich: I'm just looking thanks.

Mick: We've got some real bargains today. Just ask if you need any help.

Rich: What about this Everton shirt?

Mick: For you, I've got a special price. Just £60. I'll even give you a free bag!

Rich: Ooh... I don't think I can afford that. What about this Liverpool one?

Mick: Erm..., well... maybe. I could give you that one for £50. It's a classic from the 1984/85 season, you know. Liverpool won the League and...

Rich: European Cup. Yes, I know. Mmm, £50 pounds still sounds a bit steep. What about £20?

Mick: Twenty?? I can't sell at that price. What about £40? At that price, you've got a great deal.

Rich: £35 and I'll take it... as long as you throw in a free bag!

Mick: Done!

Rich: Do you take cards?

Mick: Sorry. Cash only.

Rich: Alright... Here you are.

Mick: That's £40. Hold on. I'll just get your change.

Rich: Thanks.

Topic Focus

Jack: Well done! Much better. You drove a real hard bargain there. I don't think you will have any problems when you do this for real.

Rich: Thanks!

Language Focus

Jack: This time, instead of describing the language, we're going to talk about the vocabulary.

Rich: We're going to take turns describing one of the words related to money and shopping that we used in this podcast and we want you to shout it out. OK, obviously we can't hear you, but shout it out anyway – or write it down...

Jack: and at the end, we'll tell you the words we were describing and you can see if you got them right.

Rich: OK – are you ready?

Jack: Let's go.

Rich: Number 1: It's a verb and it means to provide or give but it's normally used with can or could and then the phrase means to have enough money for something.

Jack: Number 2: This phrase means that that something is expensive.

Rich: Number 3: This is a verb and it means to discuss the price of something in a shop or market.

Jack: Number 4: This is a phrase that means to be on the worse end of a deal involving money.

Rich: Number 5: This is something that you buy for less than what you should normally pay for it.

Jack: Number 6: This is an informal word for pound.

Rich: Number 7: This is the bit of paper you receive to say that you have bought something.

Jack: Number 8: This is a phrase that you use when you want to know if you can pay by credit or debit card in a shop or restaurant.

Rich: Number 9: This is the money that you get back when you pay too much for something.

Jack: Number 10: You might see this phrase if you can't pay by credit card. You need to use coins and notes.

Rich: Did you get them all? Some of them were quite tricky. Let's go through the answers.

Jack: Here they are in order: Number 1 was afford.

Rich: Number 2 a bit steep.

Jack: Number 3 haggle.

Rich: Number 4 to be ripped off.

Jack: Number 5 bargain.

Rich: Number 6 quid.

Jack: Number 7 receipt.

Rich: Number 8 Do you take cards?

Jack: Number 9 change.

Rich: Number 10 cash only.

Jack: If you want more practice with this vocabulary, check out the activities on the podcast page on Premier Skills English.

Can you work out this week's football phrase?

Rich: Have you got a football phrase for us this week?

Jack: Yes, I have, but first, last week's football phrase. The phrase was to 'take up'.

Rich: To take up is a phrasal verb which means to start something new – it is usually used when you start a new hobby or sport. Jack has taken up running recently. How's it going?

Jack: Very well thanks. I just need to keep it up. We had lots of correct answers last week. Well done to Liubomyr and Violinka from Ukraine, Elghoul from Algeria, Mon from Egypt, Zinho from South Korea, dvd023 from Spain, Emir from Bosnia, Ahmed Adam from Sudan, Kwesimanifest and Akosua from Ghana, and Tima from Kazakhstan. You all got the right answer!

Rich: So, what's this week's football phrase, Jack?

Jack: This week's phrase is *****. We mentioned this at the beginning of the podcast. ***** is the stuff you collect that is connected to a famous person, an interesting place or activity. I collect football *****. Old things connected to football. Old match programmes, coins and medals that kind of thing

Rich: A little more difficult this week. Right, that's all we have time for, for now!

Jack: Don't forget to write your answers to our questions and make a guess at our football phrase in the comments below.

Rich: Bye for now and enjoy your football!