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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### Money can buy happiness

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#### **BBC Radio 4 news report**

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#### **The story**

The old adage that money can't buy you happiness has been put to the test by scientists in Canada.

They discovered that when you use money to free up time, by paying somebody to do your chores for example, you're more likely to feel happy than if you spend it on material goods.

#### **Language challenge**

Scientists have discovered that the old adage that money can't buy you happiness may be incorrect. Which of these is NOT a synonym for adage?

- a) proverb
- b) catchphrase
- c) saying

## **Answer**

b) catchphrase

## **Vocabulary**

### **chores**

boring but necessary tasks

### **underrated**

not given the high level of approval it deserves

### **outsourcing**

paying someone else to do your tasks for you