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Banking



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 - a) interest rate
 - b) credit rating
 - c) money rate
 - d) exchange rate

2. My salary always runs out before the end of the month. Everything's so expensive just now. I don't know how I'd manage without _____.
 - a) getting my pocket money from the bank
 - b) lending money to my bank
 - c) having an overdraft
 - d) sticking to my budget

3. We've found our ideal house but we're not rich enough to be able to buy it straight away. We'll need to go to the bank to see if they'll give us _____.
 - a) interest
 - b) a deposit
 - c) some capital
 - d) a mortgage

4. We'll need to invest more _____ if we want to expand our business. You know what they say, you have to spend money to make money.
 - a) return
 - b) capital
 - c) interest rate
 - d) wages

5. We got a loan from the bank to buy a new car. We have to _____ it over the next two years.
 - a) repay
 - b) pay
 - c) return
 - d) give

6. She put all her money in a _____ savings account so she could make as much money as possible from it.

- a) credit card
- b) large return
- c) high interest
- d) low interest

ANSWERS:

1. The _____ for the dollar is very good just now. We should change dollars into euros today.

- a) interest rate
- b) credit rating
- c) money rate
- d) **exchange rate**

a) This is the amount of money charged by a bank for borrowing money from the bank or the amount a bank gives customers for saving with the bank.

b) This is a calculation of someone's ability to pay back money which they have borrowed.

c) This expression doesn't exist in English. The second word is correct but the first one isn't.

d) Correct! This is the rate at which the money of one country can be changed for the money of another country.

2. My salary always runs out before the end of the month. Everything's so expensive just now. I don't know how I'd manage without _____.

- a) getting my pocket money from the bank
- b) lending money to my bank
- c) **having an overdraft**
- d) sticking to my budget

a) Parents give children pocket money. You need another word than means a temporary loan from a bank.

b) In this example you want the bank to lend you some money temporarily, not for the bank to borrow money from you.

c) Well done! This is an agreed amount of money that a bank allows its customers to borrow for a short period of time.

d) If you stick to your budget you don't spend more money than you have but in this example, you do spend more than your income. That's why you need the bank to lend you some money temporarily.

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- a) interest
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a) Interest is the amount of extra money a bank gives you if you save with them.

b) A deposit is a sum of money you pay towards the total cost of something. For example if you want a loan from the bank to buy a car, the bank might ask for you to pay a 10% deposit of the total cost of the car before it gives you the loan.

c) Capital is money that is put into a business in order for the business to make more money or profit.

d) Well done! This is a special loan the bank gives you so that you can buy a house (and which you pay back to the bank over a set number of years – usually 20 or 25).

4. We'll need to invest more _____ if we want to expand our business. You know what they say, you have to spend money to make money.

- a) return
- b) capital**
- c) interest rate
- d) wages

a) This is the profit you get on money you have invested.

b) This is the right answer. This is money that is put into a business in order for the business to make more money or profit.

c) This is the amount that a bank charges on money it lends you or the amount the bank gives you if you save with it.

d) Wages are similar to salaries but are made weekly, rather than monthly.

5. We got a loan from the bank to buy a new car. We have to _____ it over the next two years.

- a) repay**
- b) pay
- c) return
- d) give

a) Correct, this means pay back.

b) You need a word with a prefix that means pay back.

c) We return books to the library but when we're talking about a loan from the bank we use a different word.

d) You can give something *to* someone as a present but if we're talking about a loan from the bank we use a different word.

6. She put all her money in a _____ savings account so she could make as much money as possible from it.

- a) credit card
- b) large return
- c) **high interest**
- d) low interest

a) A credit card is a small plastic card which can be used to pay for things, rather than cash.

b) If you have a good savings accounts you will get a *large return* for your investment but the correct answer is a way of describing a good savings account.

c) **Well done! A high interest account is one that rewards you with a lot of interest (money) for keeping your savings there.**

d) The correct answer is the opposite of low interest.

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