

Before-reading questions

1 *Model answer:*

Becky can't stop shopping and spending money. Maybe she is going to learn how to stop, or maybe she is going to become rich.

2 *Reader's own answers.*

3 *Model answer:*

Most people keep their money in a bank. You can pay for things with cash (paper money), with a card like Visa, or with a cheque. You can also move money online from your bank, and use your phone to pay.

3 She thinks that they have rich names, they wear funny clothes, and they have stupid words for things.

4 Because she is wearing her Denny and George scarf. Luke knows about it because he lent her some money to buy it. He thinks that she bought the scarf as a present for her aunt in hospital.

During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Becky's dream is that someone will get her big Visa bill by mistake and pay it. She will get their small Visa bill and pay it.
- 2 Because they have heard some news about a bank and Becky hasn't.
- 3 Because Becky says that her aunt is in hospital, and she wants to buy her a present.

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Because Becky owes the bank money, and he wants to talk to her about it.
- 2 The letter says that they can move their money to a better account, and they can have a free clock.
- 3 She will save money every week by Cutting Back.

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 She spends it on a large coffee, a cake, a flask, a notebook, a pen, a pink jumper, a grey jumper and face cream.
- 2 She takes her own coffee and sandwich to work, she doesn't go to her usual café on the way to work, and she plans to make her own dinner.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Because she has more important things to think about.
- 2 She meets Eric Foreman. He is a journalist on a big newspaper, and not a money magazine. He doesn't look like the other men – he has an old jacket, and his hair is not tidy.

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Because she hides a pair of jeans from a customer. Becky likes the jeans and wants to buy them.
- 2 He wants her to help him choose a suitcase in Harrods.
- 3 Because he tells her that he has a girlfriend. She is angry that he didn't tell her before and that he is laughing at her.

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 She doesn't want to see Luke. She meets Derek Smeath.
- 2 She is excited and happy because he is rich.
- 3 She talks about her aunt and Music in Malawi, and she reads Tarquin's cheque book when he's not there.

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 Because she thinks shopping will help her feel better. She wants to buy lots of things, but she can't because her Visa card doesn't work. Visa have stopped her using it.
- 2 Because they moved their money to another account.

- 3 Because she wants to learn their side of the story – to get information from them.

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Because she didn't give Flagstaff Life's side of the story.
 2 He thinks her article is excellent and that it tells the truth.
 3 Luke asks Becky to have dinner with him that evening. Zelda asks her to stay on the programme to answer people's questions during the phone-in.

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Because she loves being on television, and she knows the answers to people's questions about money.
 2 He wants her to have a meeting with him. She agrees because now she knows that he's trying to help her, and she needs help.
 3 Because she wakes up too late.

After-reading questions

1 **Model answer:**

Shopping makes Becky feel happy. Her friends enjoy spending money without worrying.

2 **Model answer:**

She doesn't open any of the letters, and she puts them in a pile in her bedroom. She is frightened about what is going to happen, and she doesn't want to think about it.

3 **Model answer:**

She is not frightened now because she has made some more money by writing the article and by being on television. She knows that trying hard and being good at something can make her happy, too. She knows that Derek Smeath is trying to help.

4 **Reader's own answer.**

5 **Reader's own answer.**

6 **Model answers:**

A Becky doesn't like Clare. Clare is very serious about her job. She has a tidy desk, and she plans her work by putting her letters into two piles. Becky isn't tidy, and she isn't serious about her job. She doesn't follow news about banks, and she doesn't listen at press conferences.

b Becky likes Suze. She's her best friend. Suze is kind to her – she waits for Becky to have enough money to pay the bills, she asks her to her house in Hampshire, she is nice about the curry, and she makes frames for her. Suze is much richer than Becky.

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 1 d 2 f 3 e 4 g
 5 c 6 a 7 b

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 1 Suze
 2 Clare
 3 Philip
 4 Elly
 5 Luke
 6 Alicia
 7 James
 8 Martin and Janice

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 1 I buy a notebook **to write** everything down.
 2 I pass all the shops without **looking** at them.
 3 I try not **to think** about chocolate cake.
 4 I'll save money by **making** my own dinners.
 5 I buy some things **to make** nice coffee at home.
 6 I love **eating** out.
 7 Suze and Fenella keep **jumping** up to talk to friends at other tables.
 8 I feel uncomfortable just **being** with Tarquin.

CHAPTER FOUR AND FIVE

- 4 1 more important
2 more difficult
3 better
4 easier
5 bigger
6 closer
7 cheapest
8 heavier

CHAPTER NINE

- 8 1 false
2 false
3 true
4 true
5 false
6 true
7 false
8 true

CHAPTER SIX

1 I've written up some of my articles.

- 5 2 The fifteenth richest man in the country **has asked** me to dinner.
3 My new life **has** finally **begun**.
4 **I've** even **started** to enjoy the evening.
5 After we've **finished** eating, he gets out a little box.
6 **I've** never **worn** a brooch in my life.
7 Oh no! What **has** Tarquin **seen**?
8 Shall we go? **I've** already **paid**.

CHAPTER SEVEN

4 g

- 6 5 a 6 c 7 h 8 e

CHAPTER EIGHT

1 Luke wakes up at six o'clock?

- 7 2 Who is coming out of the newspaper shop when Becky goes in?
3 How much does the *Daily World* pay Becky for her article?
4 How does Becky get to the television studios?
5 What are the television presenters Emma and Rory like?
6 How many people are watching *Morning Coffee*?
7 When did Sacha leave Luke?
8 Why does Zelda ask Becky to stay for the phone-in?

Project work

Reader's own answers.