

## Spend it or save it?



Video



› Imagine you receive some money from a **relative** or you get your **wages** from your part-time job.

1) ..... Do you spend it or save it? In the UK, teenagers spend an incredible £7.4 **billion** every year, but they are good at saving too.

› The **average** British 13-year-old spends £13 a week, but this increases to £20 a week by the time they are 15, and to £68 for 19-year-olds.

2) ..... The biggest area of spending is clothes and shoes. In general, girls spend a lot more on shampoo and beauty products than boys. 3) .....

› The boys, on the other hand, usually use most of their money to buy computer games and software: a 15-year-old boy spends about £1.10 a week on technology.

› These days, British teenagers don't buy everything in shops, though. 4) ..... 65% of 17-year-old girls say they are more likely to buy something on the Internet than in a shop – usually clothes, shoes or make-up – and they visit online shops about three times a week. This isn't just a teenage **trend** however – the whole UK public spends a total of £69.4 billion a year on Internet shopping!

› British teens spend a lot of their cash, but they're smart with money too. 26% of them have a monthly budget, and 22% buy second-hand items online because they're cheaper and better for the environment. **5)** .....

People often think that teenagers spend all the money they have, and it's true that UK teens buy lots of clothes and food and have a lot of fun. But they're thinking about their future too: 81% of them save some money every month.

**relative** > parente  
**wage** (di solito al plurale) >  
salario

**billion** > miliardo  
**average** > medio  
**trend** > moda

## Reading

**2** Read the title of the article. What is it about?  
Watch the video to find out.

**3** Read the article and complete it with sentences A-H. Three sentences are extra. **P**

- ◀ **A** In fact, a lot of them prefer shopping online.  
**B** That way, they earn a lot more.  
**C** The biggest surprise is their savings.  
**D** What do you do with it?  
**E** Teens prefer to keep their money in banks.  
**F** These shops try to attract teens.  
**G** So what do teens buy with all that cash?  
**H** They also spend twice as much on books.

**5** Decide if sentences 1-6 are T (true) or F (false) for British teenagers' spending habits.



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| 1 | British teenagers spend £7.4 billion every year.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 2 | Teenagers spend most of their money on food.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 3 | Boys spend more money on books than girls.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 4 | More than half of 17-year-old girls say they buy three items a week online. | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 5 | Teenagers in the UK hardly ever buy second-hand items.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |
| 6 | Most British teenagers save money every month.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> T | <input type="checkbox"/> F |