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Nicer people are poorer, says study

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Researchers say nicer people are poorer. They are poorer than selfish people. It is more difficult for kinder people to look after their money. This is because kinder people are more "agreeable," trusting and caring. Kinder people have lower savings, higher debt, and difficulty in paying back debts.

Researchers looked at online surveys taken by 9,000 people. The data was about people's money situation, their debt, their feelings about money, and their personality. Kinder people cared less about money. They did not look after it. Being kind has "financial costs". A researcher wanted to know, "why nice guys seem to finish last".

Sources: <https://www.earth.com/news/nice-people-money-problems/>
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-6265263/Agreeable-people-money-work-likely-bankrupt.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Researchers say nicer | a. selfish people |
| 2. poorer than | b. savings |
| 3. It is more | c. are more "agreeable" |
| 4. look after | d. back debts |
| 5. kinder people | e. people are poorer |
| 6. trusting | f. difficult |
| 7. Kinder people have lower | g. their money |
| 8. difficulty in paying | h. and caring |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. online | a. to know |
| 2. about people's money | b. surveys |
| 3. their feelings about | c. "financial costs" |
| 4. Kinder people cared | d. last |
| 5. They did not look | e. money |
| 6. Being kind has | f. less about money |
| 7. A researcher wanted | g. after it |
| 8. nice guys seem to finish | h. situation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Researchers say (1) _____ poorer. They are (2) _____ people. It is more difficult for kinder people to (3) _____ money. This is because kinder (4) _____ "agreeable," trusting and caring. Kinder (5) _____ savings, higher debt, and difficulty in (6) _____.

Researchers (7) _____ surveys taken by 9,000 people. The (8) _____ people's money situation, their debt, their (9) _____, and their personality. Kinder people (10) _____ money. They did not look after it. Being kind (11) _____. A researcher wanted to know, "why nice guys (12) _____ last".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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NICE PEOPLE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181016-nice-people-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about nice people in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

