

Unit 4 - They Want Money

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4A Introduction

People love money in our society. Bankers want to get paid more and more; rappers brag about the nice cars they have. There's nothing wrong with money, but just remember: If you sit in a giant, beautiful mansion all alone, you're still all alone.

4B Song Lyrics

*Breathe in, breathe out, let your body move,
Money isn't everything; know that it's true.
These people want "ka-ching"; they want cash,
But they don't really know what they already have.*

Listen when I'm spitting, man, it's not funny,
Some people, they only care about money.
This one dude Jim only cares about gems,
Hardly cares about his **kin**, the people he's related to.
He's a big lawyer, I mean he's **major**, dude,
More important than the others; yeah, he paid his dues.
He's trying to run things like Suge Knight,
He's got three kids who barely know what he looks like.
He's **seldom** home, barely ever
Is he with his family? No, almost never.
He's like, "Kids, I'll make it up to you and **compensate**
For the fact that you haven't seen me in eight days.
I'll take you to Disneyland this spring,
Just as soon as I finish up a few big things."
Then spring comes, and now Jim is so rich,
But he still has no time to take a trip with his kids.
"Kids, won't you **pardon** me, forgive me, please,
Let me off the hook, I'll buy you DVDs.
I'll buy you new iPods; just don't feel bad,"
But the kids just want to spend time with their dad.



Hook

Know this lady named Bree, and she doesn't have much,
 Just a few **minor** things, pretty small, not much.
 She cleans houses for a living, mopping the floors,
 Her own home is probably smaller than yours.
 But she has **dedicated**, promised and given
 Her whole life to chilling with friends and children.
 She's more than **courteous**, more than polite,
 She shows people love; yeah, she's just that nice.
 She's not just chasing paper with presidents' faces,
 She's taking time to chill in the quietest places.
 She's not bothered
 By the fact that she can't wear Gucci and Prada;
 She doesn't even want to.
 She's like: Why chase fashion on the streets,
 When it just gets dropped in a couple weeks?
 Then it's **obsolete**, doesn't work anymore,
 Then you have to take your money, head back to the store.
 She doesn't get angry and furious
 At people who are making their lives **luxurious**,
 You know, rich foods, fancy cars,
 But money won't make you a star.
 So go ahead and chase money, but know this fact:
 Money's not your friend; it doesn't have your back.
 Money's not your friend; it doesn't have your back.
 Money's not your friend; it doesn't have your back.

Hook

4C Words Defined

compensate

(verb) To make up for; to pay in exchange for work. *The movie started 30 minutes late, but the theater **compensated** for that by giving us all free popcorn.*
 Other forms: You deserve **compensation** (noun) for all the hard work you've been doing.

courteous

(adj) Considerate toward others; polite. *Renald is the kind of **courteous** guy who always holds open the door.*
 Other forms: When the mayor visited our classroom, we showed him a lot of **courtesy**.

The Word Up Project: Level Indigo

dedicate

1. To set aside for a certain purpose. *My mom has **dedicated** her whole life to helping blind people lead normal lives.* 2. To offer something (like a piece of music, an award, or a book) to a certain person or cause. *I'd like to **dedicate** this next song to my cat, Mr. Snuggles.*
Other forms: *The goalie played for two hours in the rain, which showed her amazing **dedication** (noun) to the sport.*

kin

(noun) A person's relatives. *Jimmy, Joey, Johnny, Jeffy, Jenny, and I are all **kin**.*

luxurious

(adj.) Providing ease and comfort far beyond what is necessary. *Once my album starts selling, I'm going to move out of this little house and into a **luxurious** mansion in Hollywood.*

Other forms: *To me it's just normal, but my grandfather thinks that TV is a **luxury** (noun).*



luxurious

major

(adj.) Great in size, number, or importance. *The election of Barack Obama as the first African-American president of the United States was one of the most **major** events I've ever lived through.*

(noun) A rank in the military. *Dennis saluted the **major** as she walked into the room.*

minor

(adj.) Small, unimportant. *It's just a **minor** thing, but could you please stop tapping your foot?*

(noun) Someone who is not legally an adult. *Because we are **minors**, we aren't allowed to vote yet.*

obsolete

(adj.) No longer in wide use because it is out of date. *Some people think that CDs made cassette tapes and records **obsolete**.*

obsolete



pardon

(verb) To forgive. *Please **pardon** me for being so late.*

seldom

(adverb) Not often; rarely. *Salvatore **seldom** plays sports; he prefers to read books instead.*

4D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

- no longer in use
- relatives
- rarely
- to make up for
- great in importance

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4E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

1. Virgil has decided to _____ his life to being a superhero.

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pardon

2. Our bus had a _____ accident on the way to school, but it's okay—no one was hurt.

luxurious

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minor

3. My grandmother thinks it's _____ to keep your elbows off the table, but that seems like a silly rule to me.

courteous

seldom

luxurious

4. Chico refuses to _____ Jessica for hurting his feelings until she apologizes to him.

pardon

dedicate

compensate

5. Karen gets on my nerves because she's such a _____ whiner; I have no idea what it takes to make her happy!

major

seldom

courteous

4F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

1. I forgave my brother for breaking my baseball bat.

2. If you give me some candy today, I'll pay you back tomorrow.

3. The Fourth of July is a very important date in American history.

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4. Mr. Collins is the most devoted teacher I've ever seen.

5. Brittany rarely has to do any housework ever.

4G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question.

1. What would be a **luxurious** birthday present?

- (A) nothing
- (B) a pair of socks
- (C) a diamond necklace
- (D) a donation to a charity

2. Who would be **kin** to a kitten?

- (A) the kitten's mother
- (B) a mouse
- (C) a pet store worker
- (D) a dog

3. Which of these machines is **obsolete**?

- (A) the pickup truck
- (B) the computer
- (C) the telegraph
- (D) the lawn mower

4. What is a **courteous** thing to say?

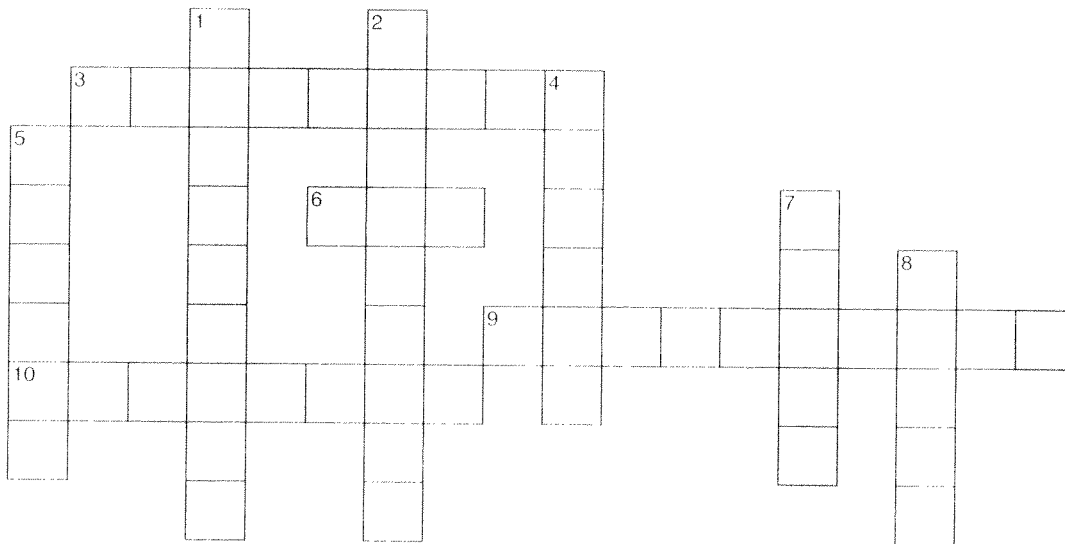
- (A) "See you later."
- (B) "I love to play tennis!"
- (C) "You are such a jerk."
- (D) "Thank you very much!"

5. Which of these is a **minor**?

- (A) a steam shovel
- (B) a two-year-old
- (C) a parrot
- (D) a teacher

Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocabulary words from this unit.



ACROSS

- 3 It would be _____ if you sent your cousin a "thank you" note for her nice present.
- 6 Family.
- 9 If you have to pay for a doctor with your own money, your health insurance company should _____ you.
- 10 No longer in use; out of date.

DOWN

- 1 Mandy lives in the most _____ house I've ever seen; she has two bedrooms all to herself!
- 2 The singer _____ the birthday girl's favorite song to her.
- 4 Grant is _____ bored because he has a great imagination.
- 5 Some people say, "_____ me!" when they sneeze.
- 7 I'm not allowed to see the R-rated movie because I'm a _____.
- 8 It was a _____ victory when I brought my grade from a D to an A.