

## Before you start

- 1 Would you like to be a millionaire? Why or why not?

# ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire? I don’t,’ says Charles Gray



## Angus Deayton interviews ex-millionaire Charles Gray

**Sixteen years ago,** Charles was a college professor with a huge six-bedroom house and a fortune of \$2 million. Today he lives in a small caravan where there is only second-hand furniture. There are certainly no signs that Charles was a rich man! There is a small garden outside with a few fruit trees. Charles grows some vegetables and a few flowers. He gets his clothes and a lot of other things from charity shops.

But this change is not a tragedy. Charles was happy to give up the lifestyle of a rich man. He was tired of being a person who had everything in a world where many people have nothing. He made the choice to give all his money away. And this, he says, has brought him happiness.

‘A few years ago,’ says Charles, ‘I was a millionaire, but I knew there were a lot of hungry people in the world.’ So he gave away all his money to charities. When he had two thousand dollars left, he gave away small bank notes in the streets of local poor areas. Did he feel like Father Christmas? ‘It was a lot of fun,’ says Charles.

Charles believes that many people want to earn a lot of money so that they will not have any worries. However, most people never make much money. Charles Gray decided to drop out and has discovered that having only a little money makes you free. Are there any things he misses? ‘No, I’m much happier now. I wouldn’t go back to being rich for anything – no way.’

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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