

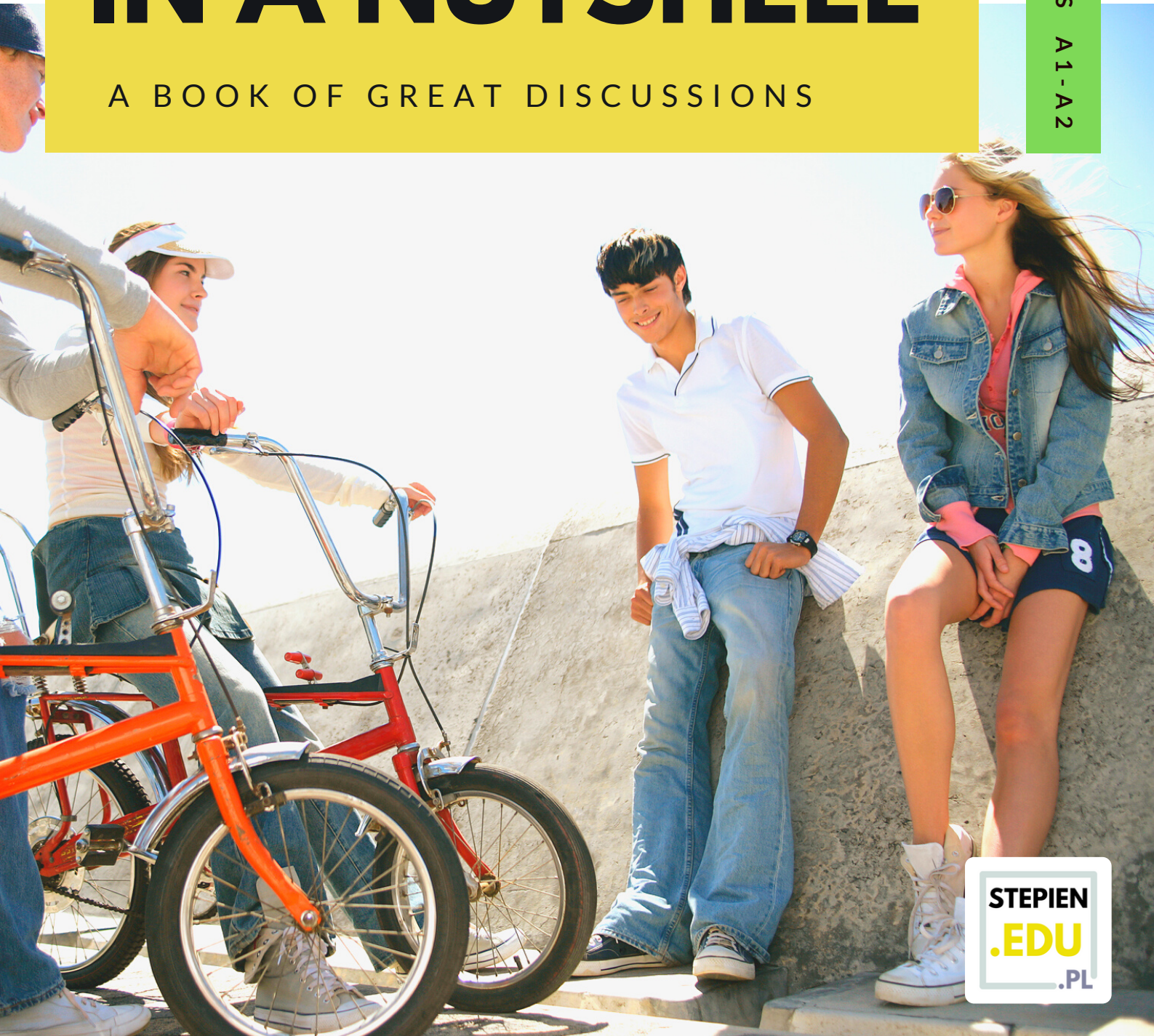
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DISCUSSION 1

PEOPLE

Money makes money

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Everybody needs money. We need it to buy food, clothes, to have a place to live, **to pay the bills**. People who have little money are **poor**. People with a **lot of** money are **rich**.

There are many rich people in the world. The richest person now is Elon Musk. He has **almost** \$200 billion. **In the past**, there were people richer than Musk.

The richest man in history was John D. Rockefeller. He was born in Richford in 1839 and died in Florida in 1937. Rockefeller had **660 billion** dollars in today's money!

He became so rich because in 1870 he created a company which sold **oil**. The company's name was Standard Oil and in 1880s-1890s it **sold** 90% of all oil in the world. Many companies needed oil. Later, people needed oil for cars.

Rockefeller loved working. Every year, he **celebrated** the day he got his first job. He said it was more important than his birthday.

He wanted to use his money well. He gave some of it to people. He started a university, too - its name is the University of Chicago.

Source of facts: wikipedia.org



ANSWER

Why do people need money?

What do you call people who have much money?

Who is the richest person now?

Who was the richest person in history?

How much money did Rockefeller have?

What business did Rockefeller have?

What special day did Rockefeller celebrate?

3



DISCUSS

Money makes you happy.

4



ARGUMENT BANK

"Love makes you happy, not money."

"You can buy medicines if you need them."

"You are never hungry."

"Rich people are very stressed."

"You can buy what you want."

"You can lose money very fast."

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1. Zaczynij od sprawdzenia **słownictwa**. Znajomość słów pomoże Ci w zrozumieniu tekstu.
2. Przeczytaj **tekst**. Jeśli pojawią się słowa, których nie znasz, użyj słownika, aby sprawdzić ich znaczenie.
3. Odpowiedz na **pytania do tekstu**. Postaraj się odpowiadać całymi zdaniami. Warto zapisywać odpowiedzi, aby móc do nich wrócić.

Take notes!

BEFORE YOU READ
Match the phrases on the left to the phrases on the right.

1 to pay the bills	A biedny
2 poor	B ropa naftowa
3 a lot of	C prawie
4 rich	D sprzedawać
5 almost	E płacić rachunki
6 in the past	F miliard
7 billion	G obchodzić, świętować
8 oil	H dużo
9 to sell (sold, sold)	I w przeszłości
10 to celebrate	J bogaty

+ Write down 5 arguments FOR.

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- Write down 5 arguments AGAINST.

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AFTER YOU READ
Say/Write full sentences by filling in the gaps with the correct forms of the phrases from the exercise above.

- When do you _____ your birthday?
- We must _____ before 1 June.
- Dinosaurs were big animals which lived _____.
- John is really _____ can't have any money.
- People use _____ fuel for cars.
- We _____ lost _____ is 1:1!
- Everybody likes Amanda. She has _____ friends.
- One _____ dollars is really a lot of money.
- I want to _____ my old phone.
- Top football players are very _____.

Retell the article using the words/phrases below

pay the bills, **poor**, Elon Musk, **200 billion**,
born in Richford in 1839, **richest**, compa
sell oil, celebrate, **university**

- Spróbuj zapisać co najmniej **5 argumentów za oraz przeciw** na podany temat we wskazanym miejscu.
- Jeśli masz trudności ze znalezieniem argumentów, użyj **banku argumentów**. Z kolei jeśli masz już komplet, sprawdź, czy Twoje pomysły były inne, niż te zapisane w banku.
- Wykonaj **drugie ćwiczenie na słownictwo**. Łatwiej zapamiętać słownictwo w kontekście.
- Opowiedz**, o czym był artykuł. W trakcie opowiadania spróbuj wykorzystać wszystkie podane frazy. Rozkładaj pracę w czasie. Materiał lepiej opanowywać małymi partiami. **Wykonuj ćwiczenia powtórzeniowe.**

PART 2

HOUSE

DISCUSSION 5

HOUSE

The world's largest palace

People like big **buildings**. Many rich and famous people build big and expensive houses. Kings have big houses, too. The houses of kings are called **palaces** and castles.

The biggest palace in the world is in Bucharest. Bucharest is the **capital** of Romania. The name of the palace is the Palace of the Parliament and Romanian politicians work there today.

The palace in Bucharest is 84 metres high and has a **surface** of 365,000 **square metres**! There are more than 1100 rooms in the palace on 12 floors. People say that there are many floors **underground** - a minimum of eight. This is a lot of space. About 70% of the rooms are **empty**.

A team of 700 architects **designed** the palace and about 20,000 people built it. It took 13 years to finish the building. We know that the building is very expensive because today its cost is 4 billion euros.

The building is very **heavy** because it **weighs** 4.10 million tonnes. Only one building in the world is heavier: The Great Pyramid of Giza. If you visit Romania, you can go inside the Palace of the Parliament. One ticket costs about 7 euros.



ANSWER

What do you call the houses of kings?

Where is the world's biggest palace?

Who works in the Palace of the Parliament in Romania?

How high is the Palace of the Parliament?

How many rooms and floors does the palace have?

How many people built the palace?

Can you visit the Palace of the Parliament?



DISCUSS

It is great to live in a castle.



ARGUMENT BANK

"Famous people come to visit you."

"It is not for normal people."

"You must be very rich."

"You must have a lot of cleaners and gardeners."

"Palaces are beautiful."

"You can organise big parties there."

Take notes!

BEFORE YOU READ

Match the phrases on the left to the phrases on the right.

- | | | | |
|----|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | building | A | powierzchnia |
| 2 | palace | B | metr kwadratowy |
| 3 | capital | C | pusty |
| 4 | surface | D | projektować |
| 5 | square metre | E | budynek |
| 6 | underground | F | pałac |
| 7 | empty | G | ważyć |
| 8 | to design | H | ciężki |
| 9 | heavy | I | pod ziemią |
| 10 | to weigh | J | stolica |

AFTER YOU READ

Say/Write full sentences by filling in the gaps with the correct forms of the phrases from the exercise above.

- 1) There are no more sweets in the box.
The box is _____.
- 2) The Queen lives in a _____.
- 3) The living room in my house has 35 _____.
- 4) This building was _____ by a famous architect.
- 5) Do you know what the _____ of this room is?
- 6) I _____ only 60 kilograms.
- 7) Some trains in big cities travel _____.
- 8) These bags are so _____!
- 9) A school and a church are the examples of _____.
- 10) Berlin is the _____ of Germany.



Write down 5 arguments FOR.

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Write down 5 arguments AGAINST.

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Retell the article using the words/phrases below.

kings, **Bucharest**, politicians, **84 metres high**
365.000 square metres, **1100 rooms**, 12 floors
70% empty, 700 architects, **weighs**

DISCUSSION 5

- 1) There are no more sweets in the box.
The box is _____. (PUSTY)
- 2) The Queen lives in a _____. (PAŁAC)
- 3) The living room in my house has 35 _____.
(METRY KWADRATOWE)
- 4) This building was _____ by a famous architect.
(ZAPROJEKTOWANY)
- 5) Do you know what the _____ of this room is?
(POWIERZCHNIA)
- 6) I _____ only 60 kilograms. (WAŻYĆ)
- 7) Some trains in big cities travel _____. (POD ZIEMIĄ)
- 8) These bags are so _____! (CIĘŻKI)
- 9) A school and a church are the examples of _____.
(BUDYNKI)
- 10) Berlin is the _____ of Germany. (STOLICA)

DISCUSSION 7

- 1) The _____ of my house is red. (DACH)
- 2) My grandmother _____ five years ago. (UMARŁA)
- 3) One World Trade centre has one _____, not two. (WIEŻA)
- 4) A _____ is a very tall, modern building. (DRAPACZ CHMUR)
- 5) It is very cold. Come _____! (W ŚRODKU)
- 6) The Palace of Culture and Science is _____ in Warsaw.
(ZNAJDOWAĆ SIĘ)
- 7) He is a businessman and he works in an _____. (BIURO)
- 8) When _____ attack a city, many people can die.
(TERRORYŚCI)
- 9) There is a _____ on the top of many skyscrapers. (IGLICA)
- 10) The _____ of the building cost
one million dollars. (BUDOWA)

DISCUSSION 6

- 1) Take the clothes out of the _____. (PRALKA)
- 2) Put the dirty plates in the _____. (ZMYWARKA)
- 3) I want to _____ a pizza for dinner. (PRZYGOTOWAĆ)
- 4) This phone application is very _____. (PRZYDATNY)
- 5) There are many home _____ which help people in
everyday life. (URZĄDZENIA)
- 6) The car has a big _____ and it is loud. (SILNIK)
- 7) Put the milk in the _____. (LODÓWKA)
- 8) Your shirt is _____. You must wash it. (BRUDNY)
- 9) When you finish eating, _____ please.
(ZMYWAĆ NACZYNIA)
- 10) I don't know who _____ the telephone.
(WYNALAZŁ)

DISCUSSION 8

- 1) I don't have much _____ in my room. Only a desk, a bed
and a closet. (MEBLE)
- 2) In December, there are Christmas decorations in
every _____. (SKLEP)
- 3) I _____ this LEGO set yesterday. (ZŁOŻYŁEM)
- 4) This bookcase is made of _____. (DREWNO)
- 5) We have so many clothes that we
have to buy a bigger _____. (SZAFKA)
- 6) You can buy some kitchen _____ here. (AKCESORIA)
- 7) If you do your homework _____, you will learn something.
(SAMEMU)
- 8) Jim is a very _____ boy. (SPRYTNY)
- 9) I have a new _____. His name is Paul. (SZEFL)
- 10) Breakfast is the most important _____ of the day.
(POSIŁEK)

PART 16

ANSWER

KEY



Answer key

DISCUSSION 1

BEFORE YOU READ

1. e
2. a
3. h
4. j
5. c
6. i
7. f
8. b
9. d
10. g

AFTER YOU READ

1. celebrate
2. pay the bills
3. in the past
4. poor
5. oil
6. almost
7. a lot of
8. billion
9. sell
10. rich

DISCUSSION 2

BEFORE YOU READ

1. f
2. b
3. j
4. h
5. a
6. i
7. g
8. e
9. d
10. c

AFTER YOU READ

1. take part
2. serious
3. For example
4. in his thirties
5. catchy
6. What is more
7. important
8. busy
9. kind
10. should

DISCUSSION 3

BEFORE YOU READ

1. i
2. e
3. g
4. j
5. a
6. b
7. h
8. c
9. f
10. d

AFTER YOU READ

1. career
2. gym
3. destroyed
4. governor
5. title
6. muscles
7. contest
8. Politicians
9. Bodybuilders
10. was born

DISCUSSION 4

BEFORE YOU READ

1. d
2. i
3. a
4. g
5. b
6. j
7. c
8. e
9. f
10. h

AFTER YOU READ

1. times
2. teenager
3. adults
4. wizard
5. version
6. delayed
7. town
8. thanks to
9. publisher
10. enemies

DISCUSSION 5

BEFORE YOU READ

1. e
2. f
3. j
4. a
5. b
6. a
7. c
8. d
9. h
10. g

AFTER YOU READ

1. empty
2. palace
3. square metres
4. designed
5. surface
6. weigh
7. underground
8. heavy
9. buildings
10. capital

DISCUSSION 6

BEFORE YOU READ

1. e
2. h
3. b
4. j
5. a
6. c
7. i
8. d
9. g
10. f

AFTER YOU READ

1. washing machine
2. dishwasher
3. prepare
4. useful
5. appliances
6. engine
7. fridge
8. dirty
9. wash the dishes
10. invented

DISCUSSION 7

BEFORE YOU READ

1. e
2. j
3. a
4. b
5. c
6. i
7. g
8. d
9. f
10. h

AFTER YOU READ

1. roof
2. died
3. tower
4. skyscraper
5. inside
6. located
7. office
8. terrorists
9. spire
10. construction

DISCUSSION 8

BEFORE YOU READ

1. f
2. h
3. i
4. d
5. a
6. j
7. b
8. c
9. e
10. g

AFTER YOU READ

1. furniture
2. store
3. built
4. wood
5. wardrobe
6. accessories
7. by yourself
8. clever
9. boss
10. meal

DISCUSSION 9

BEFORE YOU READ

1. d
2. i
3. f
4. a
5. h
6. b
7. j
8. c
9. g
10. e

AFTER YOU READ

1. mean
2. cost
3. nursery school
4. another
5. university
6. remember
7. primary school
8. high school
9. studies
10. lecturer

DISCUSSION 10

BEFORE YOU READ

1. c
2. j
3. a
4. g
5. i
6. b
7. d
8. h
9. e
10. f

AFTER YOU READ

1. for sure
2. believe
3. languages
4. borrow
5. have to
6. print
7. real
8. library
9. from all over the world
10. printing press

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