

# Money and Charity

Paul and Katia debate the merits of giving money charity.



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**A) Main Points:** Answer the following questions about the interview.

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| a) Paul                            | a) Men have more options                      |
| b) Katia                           | b) Men work harder than women                 |
| c) Both                            | c) He wants to help everyone                  |
| 2) Who does Katia mention helping? | 4) How do they feel about giving to children? |
| a) Disabled people                 | a) They try not to                            |
| b) Elderly women                   | b) They give extra                            |
| c) Anyone                          | c) They never do it                           |

**B) Phrase Match:** Match the phrases on the left with the example on the right.

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| 1) question myself  | _____ | I agree                 |
| 2) that makes sense | _____ | handicapped             |
| 3) disabled         | _____ | helping                 |
| 4) supporting       | _____ | slow to make a decision |
| 5) reluctant        | _____ | wonder                  |

**C) Unscramble:** Put the mixed up sentences in the correct order.

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| money | charity | you | give | to | do | ?

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
| what | see | do you | a homeless | if you | person | do | ?

3) \_\_\_\_\_  
| think | that | you | more options | do | for jobs | men have | ?

4) \_\_\_\_\_  
| do you | children on | money | you see | the street | give | if | ?

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