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6 Minute English worksheet

Grown-ups buying kids' toys



Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/46S3hun>

1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?

2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?

a) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

b) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

c) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

d) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

e) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

f) Word/phrase: _____

It means: _____.

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4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?

5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.

1. Which word describes an 'adult who enjoys toys and games usually intended for children'?
 - a) grown-up
 - b) grown-down
 - c) kidult
2. How much money did American adults spend on toys for themselves between October and December 2024?
 - a) over \$1 billion
 - b) over \$1.5 billion
 - c) over \$2.5 billion
3. What is a 'plushie'?
 - a) a soft cloth toy doll or animal
 - b) an educational toy for babies
 - c) a person who likes wearing comfortable clothes
4. "During the Covid pandemic, people had so much 'time on their ____' that they didn't know what to do with it all."
 - a) minds
 - b) hands
 - c) plates
5. What is 'the money you have left over after paying all your expenses'?
 - a) disposable income
 - b) disposable tax
 - c) income tax
6. What is a 'bunch'?
 - a) a toy collection
 - b) a small number of things
 - c) a large number of things

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6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.

7. Answer the following questions.

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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Answers

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- a. kidult – (slang) adult who likes buying and playing with toys and games intended for children
- b. plushie (or plush toy) – toy dolls or animals made from cloth and filled with soft material stuffing
- c. disposable income – money left over, after paying all your expenses, for you to buy whatever you like
- d. inner child – the part of your adult personality that still emotionally feels and reacts like a child
- e. bunch – a (large) number of things
- f. have time on your hands – (idiom) have free time and nothing to do with it

5. 1c, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5a, 6c

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet, and adapt it as necessary.

Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.