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English language

First stage

Lecture 5

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READING AND SPEAKING

A tale of two millionaires

- 1 Who are the richest people in your country? Where does their money come from? How do they spend their money?
- **2** Match the verbs and nouns. Many of them are to do with money.

Verbs	Nouns		
buy	a bank account		
spoil	poverty		
wear	a thief		
open	a will		
live in	stocks and shares		
inherit	a child		
make	a leg		
arrest	ragged clothes		
invest	a lot of money from someone		
amputate	a lot of money in something		

- 3 You are going to read about two millionaires. One was very mean, the other very generous. First read *quickly* about Milton Petrie. Can you remember any examples of his kindness?
- 4 Now read *quickly* about Hetty Green. Can you remember any examples of her meanness?
- **5** Read one text more carefully, then answer the questions with a partner who read the other text.
 - 1 When were Milton and Hetty born?
 - 2 What were their parents like?
 - 3 How did Milton and Hetty become so wealthy?
 - 4 Who wore ragged clothes?
 - 5 What was the meanest thing Hetty did?
 - 6 Why did Milton like making a lot of money?
 - 7 Who did they marry?
 - 8 When did they die? How old were they?
 - 9 Who left the most money? Who did they leave it to?

What do you think?

Discuss these questions in small groups.

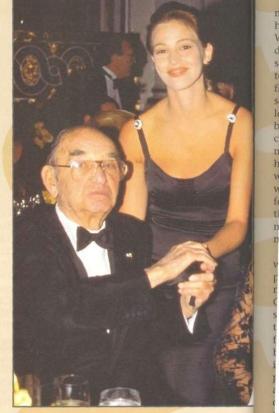
- · How were Milton and Hetty's childhoods different?
- How did their childhoods affect them later?
- · Why was Milton especially generous to policemen?
- Why did Hetty's daughter build a hospital?
- What was the kindest thing Milton did?
- · Who had the happier life? Milton or Hetty?



Milton Petrie

The Most Generous Man in the World

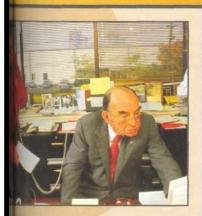
very morning, billionaire Milton Petrie walked from his New York apartment and bought a newspaper from the ragged old man on the street corner. One morning the man wasn't there. Petrie learned that he was very ill in the city hospital. Immediately he paid his hospital bill and later, when the man died, paid for his funeral.



Milton with the model he helped

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find it and some save it. Elizabeth Wilson reports on one of each.



The old man was just one of many people that Milton Petrie helped with his money. Whenever he read about personal disasters in his newspaper Petrie sent generous cheques, especially to the families of policemen or firemen injured at work. He also sent cheques to a mother who lost five children in a fire, and a beautiful model, whose face was cut in a knife attack. It cost him millions of dollars, but he still had millions left. He said that he was lucky in business and he wanted to help those less fortunate than himself. 'The nice thing is, the harder I work, the more money I make, and the more people I can help."

Milton Petrie died in 1994, when he was 92. His will was 120 pages long because he left \$150 million to 383 people. His widow, Carroll, his fourth and last wife, said his generosity was a result of the poverty of his early years. His family were poor but kindhearted. His father was a Russian immigrant who became a policeman, but he never arrested anyone, he was too kind. He couldn't even give a parking ticket.

Hetty Green

The Richest, Meanest Woman in the World

enrietta (Hetty) Green was a very spoilt, only child. She was born in Massachusetts, USA, in 1835. Her father was a

millionaire businessman. Her mother was often ill, and so from the age of two her father took her with him to work and taught her about stocks and shares. At the age of six she started reading the daily financial newspapers and she opened her own bank account.

Her father died when she was 21 and she inherited \$7.5 million. She went to New York and invested on Wall Street. Hetty saved every penny, eating in the cheapest restaurants for 15 cents. She became one of the richest and most hated women in the world. She was called 'The Witch of Wall Street'. At 33 she married Edward Green, a multimillionaire, and had two children, Ned and Sylvia.

Hetty's meanness was legendary. She always argued about prices in shops. She walked to the local grocery store to buy broken cookies (biscuits) which were much cheaper, and to get a free bone for her much-loved dog, Dewey. Once she lost a two-cent stamp and spent the night looking for it. She never bought clothes and always wore the same long, ragged black skirt. Worst of all, when her son Ned fell and injured his knee, she refused to pay for a doctor and spent hours looking for free medical help. In the end Ned's leg was amputated.

When she died in 1916 she left her children \$100 million (worth \$9.3 billion today). Her daughter built a hospital with her money.



Random exercises

Arrange the following words to make a correct sentence

- 1- football / He / to / loves / play
- 2- every / I / juice / drink / day / orange
- 3- ten / bus / in / minutes / The / leaves
- 4- you / Do / pasta? / like

Give the full forms of the following words

1- you're	2- she's	3- we're	
4- they're	5- it's	6- that's	
7- he'll	8- they'll	9- l'm	10- doesn't

Punctuation:

Six notes that you should pay attention to when solving the punctuation question:

- The first letter of sentence must be written as a capital letter.
- You must put a full-stop at the end of the sentence
- You must put a question mark at the end of the question. How do you know that the written sentence is a question? When the sentence begins with a question words (what, when, why, do, does, did, is, are ...etc.)
- Put a capital letter at the beginning of the names of people, countries, nationalities, cities, months, and seasons
- Put comma after counting the things and before you count the last thing, put the word (and)
- Put a line or two under each capital letter (<u>K</u> , k)

Exercise:

1- he goes to alexandria every summer

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2- how much are these shoes please

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3- she likes english french and italian

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4- karbala is an iraqi city

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5- february is the second month of the year but march is the third month of the year

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6- africa is bigger than australia

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7- ali and ahmed are going to the airport

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