

Lesson 22: Lottery

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "**Lottery.**"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **win a lottery** - to get a prize (especially money) in a lottery
- **prize money** - money as a prize in a lottery
- **carry over** - to use the prize money next time because no one won the lottery
- **all across** - all over, everywhere
- **join the club** - used when something bad that has happened to someone else has also happened to you
- **cutoff** - the act of stopping the supply of something
- **opt** - choose

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Andy and Brad are talking about lottery

Andy : Did you hear the news? A taxi driver from Texas **won the lottery!**

Brad : Really? The PowerBall?

Andy : Exactly.

Brad : How much **prize money** did he get?

Andy : He got \$6,666,678!

Brad : Wow, that's a lot!

Andy : Absolutely. It had been **carried over** several times, and the amount of the prize had risen sharply. I cannot imagine how many people bought the lottery tickets **all across** the United States.

Brad : Well, I was one of them but I didn't win anything.

Andy : Neither did I. **Join the club.**

Brad : Well, maybe next time!

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Who won the lottery?
2. Why did the amount of the prize money become so big?
3. Did Andy and Brad win anything?

Activity 2 | Article

Directions: Read the article aloud. Then exchange opinions about the article with your teacher.

Powerball is an American lottery game sold by 45 lotteries as a shared jackpot game. It is coordinated by the **Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL)**, a non-profit organization [...]. Powerball drawings are held on **Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:59 p.m. Eastern time**. The game uses a 5/59 (white balls) + 1/35 (Powerballs) matrix from which winning numbers are chosen. Each play costs **\$2**, or, with the Power Play option, **\$3**. [...] The official **cutoff** time for ticket sales is 10 pm ET. [...] The drawings usually are held at the Florida Lottery's high-tech studio in Tallahassee.

On November 29, 2012, one day after the drawing for the largest Powerball jackpot, the California Lottery Commission voted to join Powerball. California joined the game on April 8, 2013.

On May 18, 2013, the largest jackpot in the game's history, and the largest prize ever on one ticket, approximately **\$590,500,000** (annuity), was won. On June 5, Florida Lottery officials announced the winner, who was Gloria C. MacKenzie, 84, who purchased the "quick pick" ticket at a Public supermarket in Zephyrhills, Florida. MacKenzie **opted** to take the cash option, which was approximately **\$370,800,000** before Federal withholding (Florida does not have a state income tax.)

Cited from [Wikipedia "Powerball"](#)

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Do you buy lottery tickets? Why or why not?
2. What kinds of lotteries are popular in your country?
3. Do you think a big amount of money can change a person?
4. Do you know someone who won the lottery?
5. Do you think some people are luckier than others? Why or why not?