

Financial Literacy Curriculum

Lesson 3: My Money and Me



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Session overview

You will learn about the different financial issues that you may encounter as you progress out of school education. You will also learn about the different options available to you.

Objectives

You will be able to:

- Communicate clearly about your financial decisions
- Confidently use vocabulary related to mortgages, pensions, taxes and wages

What do you already know?



Vocabulary Wall

We are going to be talking about the following topics in today's session. What vocabulary do you already know related to these topics?

- Being a homeowner
- Payslips
- Taxes
- Pensions
- National insurance
- TV License

Jot down any words or questions and stick them on the "vocabulary wall".

(3 minutes)

Wages and Payslips



Can you afford it?

You want to buy an iPad which costs £400.

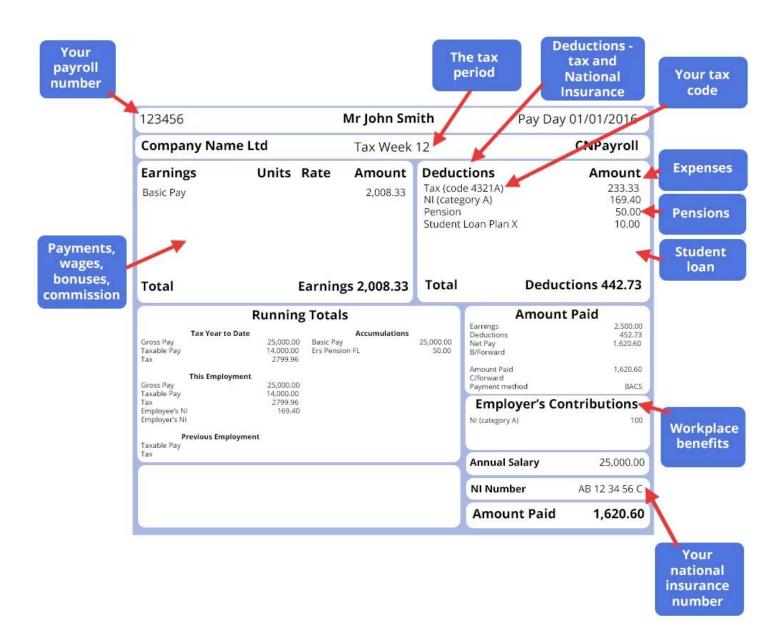
If you have a job that pays £10 an hour, and you've worked 40 hours in the week you will have earned £400.

Will you have enough money to pay for the iPad?

Discuss in pairs. (2 minutes)

Payslips

Here is an example payslip.





Part of your salary may be deducted for *income tax*.

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Everything you earn between £12,500 - £50,000 will be taxed at 20%.

Anything you earn between £50,000 - £150,000 will be taxed at 40%. (Your personal allowance drops by £1 for every £2 earned over £100,000)

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Answer: £5,500.

£40,000 - £12,500 (tax free allowance) \times 20% = £5,500

How is the money spent?

 What do you think the money the Government receive in income tax is spent on?

Extension:

 Can you put those things in order - what is the most money spent on? And the least?

Discuss in your groups. (2 minutes)

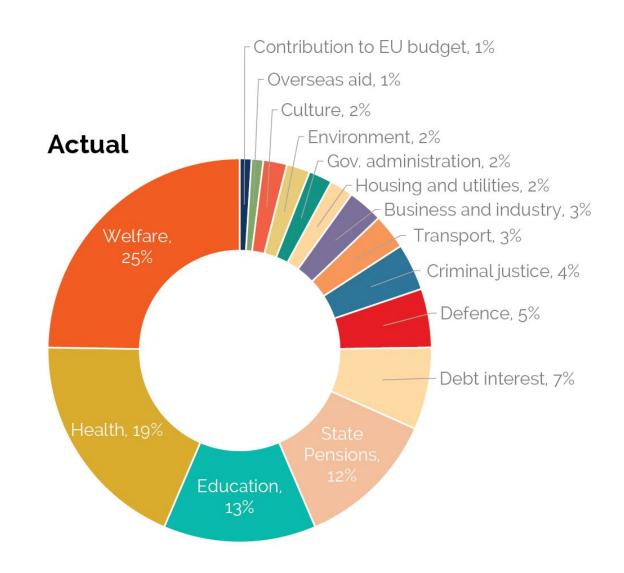
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National Insurance



- State pensions
- Maternity Payment
- > Jobseekers allowance
- ➤ The NHS

The amount of National Insurance you pay is based on what you earn as follows:-

Your pay	Class 1 National Insurance rate
£166 to £962 a week (£719 to £4,167 a month)	12%
Over £962 a week (£4,167 a month)	2%



What are pensions?



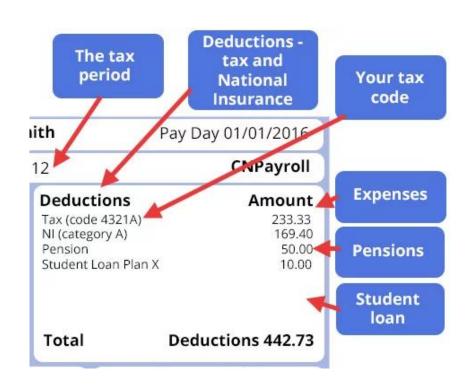
What are pensions?

It makes sense to **put some money away for when you're older** and that's what **pension schemes** help you do.

You **save** a little of your income **regularly** during your working life so you can have an **income** in later life, when you want to work less or retire.



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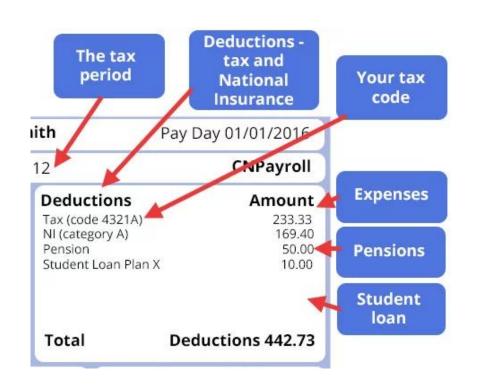


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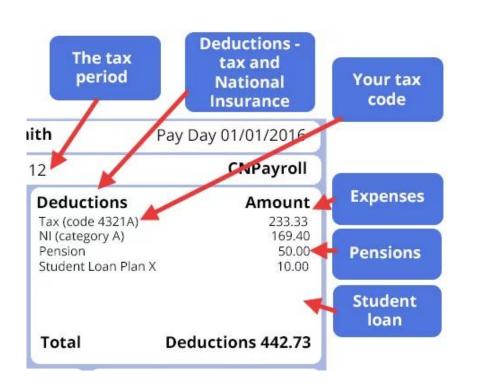
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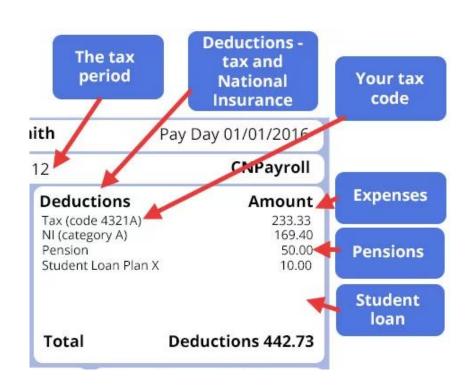
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£168.60

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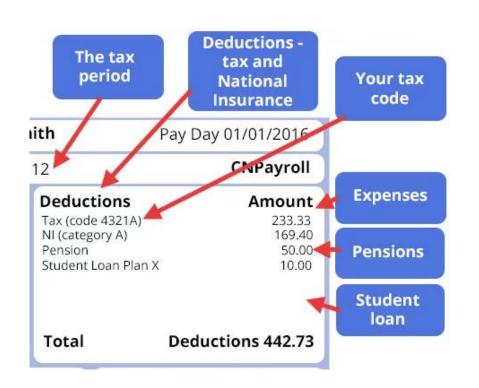


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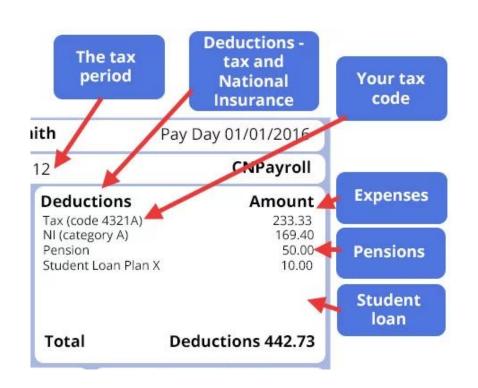
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How much do you think you get paid per week?

It depends!

Where to live

Renting vs Homeownership

What are the **pros and cons** of:

- 1. Being a homeowner
- 2. Renting a home



Discuss in groups and use flipchart to record your ideas. (3 minutes)

Affordability



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Interest is a charge that the bank will add on to your mortgage payments as a charge for lending you the money to purchase your house. This means you will **repay more than the value of the house** as you are also paying the bank for their money lending service.

Consider what might happen if you do not keep up with repayments on your mortgage? Or on your rent?

What might it be sensible to do to prevent this?

What other bills do you think you might need to budget for?

Think:

- House related
- Personal devices/subscriptions
- Luxuries



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TV Licence

You can access TV through various devices. TV licence rules have recently changed. You will need a licence even if you do not watch programmes via a normal television set.

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- You watch or record live TV programmes from devices such as:
 - Computers, including laptops and tablets
 - Mobile phones or games consoles
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The consequences could include prosecution and/or a fine of up to £1000.

Council Tax

Whether you move out because of university, a new job or just to have your own space, you need to think about **council tax.**

Households where everyone is a full-time student don't have to pay Council Tax as they are exempt. If there is someone in your household who is not a full-time student, you will have to pay Council Tax, but may be eligible for a discount.

To be considered as a "full-time student", there are certain criteria your course must meet. This may differ between councils but as an example:

- you may need to be on a course that lasts at least 1 calendar or academic year; and,
- you may need to study at least 21 hours study, tuition or work experience per week.

(It is your responsibility to check if you meet the criteria and you may need to prove this before the council will confirm your exemption).

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The consequences could be as severe as a prison sentence.

Wrap up and Reflection



What have you learnt today?



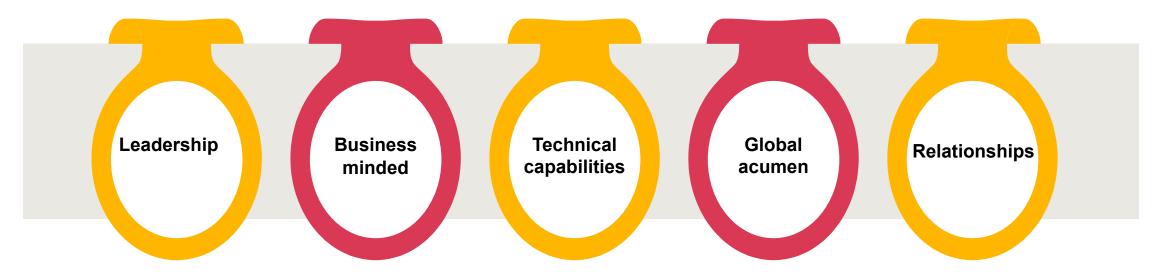
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What vocabulary do you now know related to these topics?

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Add any words and remove any answered questions (2 minutes)

What employability skills have you developed in this session?



- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Quality in everything you do
- Improvement
- Thinking commercially
- Your knowledge of potential jobs you could apply for
- What have you done you are proud of
- Ability to learn

- Seeking new perspectives
- Sharing ideas
- Coping with change
- Open minded

- Communication skills
- Building relationships
- Working with others

Thank you

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