

A Man Buys a Lottery Ticket and Wins Big



László Andraschek is 55 years old. He lives in Hungary. He has no job and no home. He lives on the street. He is homeless. He has no money.

One day, he goes to a train station. He uses his last coins to buy a lottery ticket. He does not think he will win.

The man picks six numbers. A shop worker says, "You need seven numbers." He says, "Pick number 24. It does not matter." But he was wrong.

Later, the man learns he wins a lot of money! He pays his debts. He buys apartments for his three children. He buys a car, but he cannot drive. His children drive the car.

The man wants to help others. He gives money to a hostel for homeless people. He wants to start a place to help people with alcohol problems and women with bad husbands.

The man stopped drinking alcohol five years ago. He says he will not drink again.

The man has money now, but he lives simply. He buys only the things he needs. He says, "I have money, but I am still the same person."

In Hungary, many people have no homes. A new law says they cannot sleep outside. People in many countries are angry about this law. They have protests in big cities.

This man's life changed because of one ticket. He uses his money to help his family and other people.

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1. What do you do if you win a lottery?

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T or F?

1. László used his last coins to buy the lottery ticket.
2. He bought apartments for his three children, not just for himself.
3. He gives money to a hostel for homeless people and wants to help others.
4. He lives simply and buys only what he needs.
5. A new law in Hungary says homeless people cannot sleep outside.

Vocabulary

lottery : 宝くじ

It does not matter. : 問題ではない。(どんな番号を書いたってどうせ当たりはしないよ)

debt: 借金

others : 他人、他の人達

hostel : 共同住居

alcohol : アルコール

law : 法律

Answers: 1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T