

George and Martha Spendthrift are a married couple. They have a joint checking account; that is, they share one checking account, and both of them can write checks from it. Here is one page from their checkbook record. Listen as they try to balance their checkbook. Fill in the missing information.

CHECKBOOK RECORD					
NAME: <u>George & Martha Spendthrift</u>					
ACCOUNT: <u>132-98804</u>					
NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
200	10/25		30.21		490.31
201	10/27	Electric Company	57.82		
202	10/27	Time Magazine			
203	10/30		70.00		327.49
204	11/1	Compu-Tech	125.00		202.49
205		Dr. Fairness	40.00		162.49
	11/1	Deposit		1234.69	
206	11/2				985.18
207	11/4	Visa Payment	155.00		830.18
208	11/8		305.00		525.18
209	11/10	traffic ticket			

Interviewing People. Attitudes about money vary from culture to culture and from person to person. Using the questions below, interview a person from the United States or Canada about her or his attitudes. When you come back to class, sit in groups and compare the answers that you collected. Give your own opinion, too.

1. Would you normally ask a friend how much money she or he makes?
2. Would you feel comfortable about borrowing money from your relatives? When?
3. Suppose you needed to borrow a dollar from a classmate or a colleague. How soon would you return the money?
4. Ask a man: How would you feel if your wife earned more money than you did?
Ask a woman: How would you feel if you earned more money than your husband?
5. If you want to buy an expensive item such as a car in your country, do you pay the "sticker price" or do you try to bargain for a lower price?
6. When you buy something expensive, do you pay for the whole thing at one time or do you make payments (pay a little each month)?
7. Is it usual for people in your country to use credit cards? Where?
8. Do you think children should receive money (an allowance) from their parents to spend as they like? At what age should they begin receiving it?