

If you **ask/ want** to make your money grow, the **best / worst** place to keep it is in the pocket of your jeans. You know what happens... you either **eat / spend** it right away or **forget / stop** to take it out of your pocket. Eventually, your jeans end up on the **ocean / floor**, right there with the rest of the **flowers / clothes** you've worn all week, your schoolbooks, the **blanket / desk** you kicked off your bed and many other things.



What always **cries / happens** the day your room is the messiest? That's right! Your mom makes you **clean / learn** it, and fast! And what happens to the jeans with the **food / money**? You've got it. They end up **on a plane / in the laundry**. And then the money is lost and **found / gone** forever.

What about **keeping / sleeping** your money in your room – in a safe place, like a **pork pie / piggy bank**?

There are a lot of good **reasons / friends** to keep your money safe in your room. For one thing, it's right there when you **flee / need** it. You can get to it **quick / quickly** and easily. Another good thing is that you **never / always** know exactly how much money you have. You can take it out at any time and **count / kiss** it.

Of course, the very reason why keeping your **room / money** in your **room / money** is good can also be the reason why keeping your money in your room is **happy / bad**. Let's suppose you are **planting / saving** your money for something big like **an old cat / a new bike**. Your savings are **sinking / growing** nicely. You're up to 30 euro, and then ... you **see / forget** a great baseball cap that you really want to buy. It's only 7 euro. And **it's / its** so cool!

What a **cinema / dilemma**! You know you shouldn't **touch / watch** your bike money. But there it is, right in your room, in that **bank account / piggy bank**. It's **fleeing from / calling to** you, „Come and get me. You know you want to **lend / spend** me. I'm right here **forgetting / waiting for** you. Come get me now, and you'll have that cap **next week / today!**“

That money is **freezing / tempting**. Money in a piggy bank is money that is easy to **spend / save**.

Another thing about keeping your money in a piggy bank is that the amount of money you **have / lose** is never **less / more** than what you have put into the piggy bank. If you put in 5 euro **any / every** month, after a year you will have 60 euro. No more, no less.

Now, it's always a **good / silly** idea to save money. So, what's bad about saving money this **way / street**? Well, over time, the price of everything – from a pack of chewing gum to a new bike – goes up. That **seems / means** that in ten years, 600 euro won't buy nearly as much **stuff / air** as it will now.

Think about what has **happened / pleased** to the buying power of money. In 1960, a kid with 50 cents could **buy / cook** a hot dog. Today a hot dog costs at least 3 euros.

For the price you paid for **a pair / a pint** of good sneakers in 1960 you would get today some very cool sneaker laces.

Many people love to talk about the good old **days / friends** and how low prices were back then. They forget that **incomes / treasures** were pretty low then, too. In 1960 an average family couldn't afford **a car / peas and carrots**.