

Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous



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Module 8

Here's What
We Will Be
Learning in this
Presentation:



Summary

- ❑ An Insight Into Billionaires' Spending Patterns.
- ❑ Exercises.

Vocabulary

Quintessential: the most typical example or representative.

Fortune: riches or wealth.

Luscious: richly luxurious or appealing to the senses.

Secluded: (of a place) quiet and private; not used or disturbed by other people.

Entrepreneurs: one who organizes, manages, and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise.

Aesthetic: relating to the enjoyment or study of beauty.

Snapped it up: to buy or get something quickly and enthusiastically because it is cheap or exactly what you want.

Having billionaire status means that you can pretty much afford anything you desire. Let's step behind velvet ropes and into private jets, homes and yachts to see how these extremely successful and wealthy people spend their **fortune**.



Superyacht

Super Yachts are floating resorts, which have more luxuries and rooms than your average millionaires' house. Only the most successful **entrepreneurs** can afford to own and run one.

The Octopus is a 414-foot (126 m) super yacht owned by *Paul Allen*, co-founder of Microsoft. Allen snapped it up for \$200 million in 2003 and it costs \$20 million a year to run.



Sports car

Billionaires not only have large and expensive car collections, they also have the power and the money to have their new cars flown in from the seller or manufacturer.

Ralph Lauren, America's richest fashion designer had his silver RUF CTR-3 Club sport (described as Porsche 911 'on steroids') flown in from Germany to New York's JFK airport by cargo plane.



Collecting Expensive or Rare Art

Billionaires love to own and collect art pieces or cultural artefacts from their travels. Though some buy art simply to re-sell it at profit, many private collectors buy art for **aesthetic** reasons. Francois Pinault—one of the top five art collectors of the world—has over 2000 art pieces in his many museums, including this one in Venice.



Private islands

Billionaires not only can afford to holiday at tropical, **luscious** and **secluded** private islands, some of them actually own one!



Owning a Private Jet

A must for a billionaire is a private jet. Owning a private jet is a status symbol. Sure musicians and A-list Hollywood celebrities fly in a private jet from time to time, but only the super successful can actually afford to own the most luxurious and convenient form of transport.

Gulfstream G650: With owners like *Oprah Winfrey*, *Warren Buffett*, and *Ralph Lauren*, the G650 makes a **quintessential** mode of travel for business. It is regarded as the roomiest, most comfortable and fastest type of private aviation. It can also cover any two points on the globe without a fuel stop.



Exercise 1

Explain the following:

1. Super yacht
2. Sports car
3. The richest fashion designer in America

Frame sentences:

1. Collection
2. Expensive
3. Average

Exercise 2

Give antonyms for:

1. Floating
2. Private
3. Successful
4. Extreme

Answer the following:

- 1) If you become a billionaire, how would you spend your money?
- 2) Name any 2 billionaires mentioned.
- 3) 'A billionaire lifestyle is lonely' would you agree or disagree? Explain with reasons.