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ESL Podcast 11 - Saving and Spending Money

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In my family, there are **penny-pinchers** and **spendthrifts**, and **everything in between**. My brother Frank has the **reputation** for being **stingy** with money. He likes **to save up** and only **spend** when he has to. **I bet** he has a lot **stashed away**. He's **careful with money** but he does spend it when he thinks it's necessary, and his wife and kids are very comfortable.

On the other hand, my brother Jack is known as a spendthrift. It's not that he's a **big spender** or a **high roller**. It's just that he's not very careful with money and doesn't think it's that important. When he has it, he **doesn't think twice about** spending it. With his friends, he's **generous to a fault**.

So, what am I? A penny-pincher or a spendthrift? I guess I'm a **little of both**. It depends on **who's asking** and how much they want to **borrow**. Script by Dr. Lucy Tse