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Banks



Dialogue

- **A.** Which service offered by your bank do you use most?
- **B.** I use several services. Of course, I deposit and withdraw money quite often. I often use my ATM card to take money out of my current account. I use my bank to exchange money from one currency to another. I often travel abroad, you see.
- **A.** Do you ever ask your bank for traveler's cheques? They are much safer than carrying lots of cash around.
- **B.** I sometimes use traveler's cheques, but sometimes I travel to countries where they are hard to exchange for eash.
- A. Do you use your bank to pay your utility bills? I use direct debit.
- **B.** Yes. I do. It saves me a lot of time. I also have standing orders for my subscriptions to magazine.
- **A.** That's good idea. You don't need to worry about missing an issue of a magazine if you do that. I suppose you have a mortgage too.
- **B.** Yes. My bank offers very good terms and conditions on mortgages. There's a lot of competition between banks nowadays. Each one is trying to offer better conditions and services than the others.
- **A.** I have a deposit account with my bank. There are some restrictions on withdrawing money, but the interest rate is much higher.
- **B.** I don't have one. I prefer to buy shares. My bank also provides a share trading service. It's cheap and easy to use.



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A. That's great, but I prefer to put my money somewhere the returns are more certain.

Useful Expressions

- 1. You can change it to a more convenient number if you like.
- 2. Give the machine a moment to process your request.
- 3. ATM's are much faster than dealing with a bank clerk.
- 4. Which service offered by your bank do you use most?
- 5. I often use my ATM card to take money out of my current account.
- 6. I use my bank to exchange money from one currency to another.
- 7. My bank offers very good terms and conditions on mortgages.
- 8. There's a lot of competition between banks nowadays.

Vocabularies

Borrow- Get temporarily

Example: "May I borrow your lawn mower?"

Lend- Give temporarily; let have for a limited time

Example: "I will lend you my car"

Loan- Give temporarily; let have for a limited time

Example: "loan me some money"

Interest- The power of attracting or holding one's attention because it is

unusual or exciting etc.

Example: "they said nothing of great interest"; "primary colors can add

interest to a room"

Deposit- Put into a bank account

Example: "She deposits her paycheck every month"

Withdraw- Remove a commodity from a supply source "She withdrew \$2,000 from the account"



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