

Lucky Lottery Winners Win Again



Mr and Mrs Mills of Smith Lane, Ports Bay, could be the luckiest couple in the country. William and Betty, who buy a lottery ticket once every month, have been celebrating for the second time in four years.

The couple won £275,000 back in February 2012, having bought their ticket at the last minute. Once they'd recovered from the shock, they gave a large part of their winnings to different charities, as well as making improvements to their home and treating their family and friends to special holidays.

On the night of their most recent win, Mr and Mrs Mills had their granddaughter staying with them.

Betty told us how it happened. 'The lottery draw was on television and Alisha happened to be watching it. My husband and I were busy doing the dishes in the kitchen so she asked if she could check the numbers for us. In the next moment, she's screaming and shouting the house down! I thought she was joking.'

The couple had five matching numbers, winning them a life-changing amount of £800,000. Mr Mills added, 'We were all jumping around and dancing in the living room. We never believed it could happen again.' Alisha commented on the experience, 'I never knew my granddad could move like that!'

When asked about their secret for choosing winning numbers, Mr Mills explained, 'We've always chosen numbers which mean something to us, like family birthdays or house numbers.'

The two winners have revealed that they'll be donating £600,000 of their win to local, national and international charities. 'They need the money more than we do,' stated Mrs Mills. 'We'll treat ourselves to a nice meal out somewhere and give the rest to the family. We have our health and happiness so what more could we ask for?'

Money raised by the lottery is used to fund good causes such as health projects, charities and educational programmes.

Monday English – Guided Reading on Newspaper article

Getting to know a newspaper article

- What is the headline for the newspaper article?
- Who is the newspaper article about?
- What is the newspaper article about?
- Where are the 2 people from?
- When did the 2 people have their first lottery win?
- Find and copy a quote in the newspaper article.
- What tense is the newspaper article in? Past, present or future?

Drawing inferences

- What makes you think that Mr and Mrs Mills were happy and surprised about the second lottery win? (Think about their actions)
- Look at the paragraph starting “Betty told us how...”. Which words give you the impression there was a lot of noise in the house?
- The newspaper article explains Mr and Mrs Mills give a lot of money to charities. What does this tell us about them?
- How do you know that Mr and Mrs Mills are close to their family? (Not close as in distance, close as in love and care for them)
- Why do you think Alisha was surprised about her grandpa dancing?
- Mr and Mrs Mills say they will go for a nice meal and give most of the money away. What do you think is their opinion on fast expensive cars, luxury holidays and expensive watches?
- How do you feel about Mr and Mrs Mills?